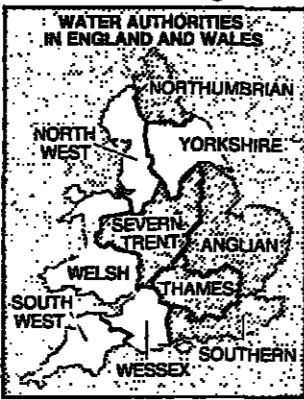


Quick sale of water boards to raise £5bn

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government is preparing to give itself a £5 billion pre-election boost by rushing through the sale of at least half the country's water authorities.



Prince Charles, his arm in a sling after breaking his finger planting a tree, with Prince William in the garden of his Highgrove, Gloucestershire, home yesterday.

DPP faces Yard's fury over Glenholmes papers blunder

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

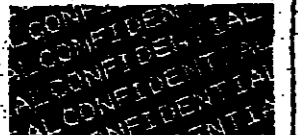
Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, and his staff today face the fury of senior Scotland Yard detectives in a heated Whitehall inquest on the legal blunder which freed Evelyn Glenholmes from a Dublin court on the weekend.

BL sale review after takeover talks collapse

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Ministers will today review the apparent wreckage of their plans for the sale of the British Leyland truck division and Land Rover after the breakdown in talks with General Motors of the United States on Friday night.

Tomorrow Cutting the red tape



Who really pulls the strings in Whitehall? Colin Hughes enters a shifting maze of bureaucracy in search of the power points

Test blast sets off US outcry

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The United States defied an urgent appeal from more than 60 congressmen on Saturday when it detonated a nuclear device in the Nevada desert, provoking a swift congressional outcry and apparently adding to the strain in super-power relations.

Smear on Thatcher alleged

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Whitehall sources yesterday dismissed as "smears" the attacks by Opposition politicians on the Prime Minister after the disclosure that she had engaged in share dealings in Australia in her own name.

Portfolio

The weekly prize in The Times Portfolio competition, doubled to £40,000 because there was no winner last week, was shared by Dr Margaret Oliver of Edinburgh and Mr George Gayson of Dunstable, Beds.

Tobacco ban

Tougher health warnings and a ban on cinema advertising of cigarettes are among measures expected in a new code to be announced this week

Museum row

The Victoria and Albert Museum faces a dispute with the Property Services Agency over flood damage

Fraud fighter

The Government is expected to set up a central agency to combat fraud

On this day

Table with 2 columns: Event and Date. Includes Golden Miller, Grand National, and other historical events.

Irish say Britain blundered

By Richard Ford, Belfast

The Irish Government angrily blamed British legal authorities yesterday for the embarrassing debacle bordering on farce that ended with Scotland Yard's most-wanted terrorist suspect a free woman.



Mr Dukes: "extremely angry"

Fears for 2,000 jobs at Swan Hunter

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Swan Hunter, the Tyneside shipbuilder sold two months ago by British Shipbuilders to a management group, called an emergency board meeting in a Durham hotel yesterday amid growing fears over jobs.

Venables the target

Don Howe's resignation as Arsenal manager has left the London club even more eager to secure Terry Venables as his replacement.

5p a gallon increase on petrol

By Thomson Prentice

Most motorists will have to pay an extra 5p a gallon this week and that figure will rise as Esso, BP and Shell, which support dealers so that drivers will be asked for only a further 5p and even less in some areas.

Sindona death leaves trail of mystery

From Peter Nichols Rome

The death by poisoning on Saturday of Michele Sindona means one of the most mysterious personalities in recent Italian history has left behind him his greatest secret - was he murdered or did he kill himself?

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Government to group big guns in all-out war on fraudsters

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A high-powered organization charged with the detection, investigation and prosecution of serious fraud is expected to be established soon by the Government. Mr John Macgregor, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is heading an inter-departmental government committee, which is likely to report soon after Easter. It is thought likely to recommend the unified organization as the latest in a series of measures to combat the financial fraudsters.

This would combine the resources of the various agencies that at present handle fraud cases: the police, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the companies inspectorate of the Department of Trade and Industry and the revenue departments of the Treasury.

It would be staffed by lawyers, accountants and investigation officers, all trained in the appropriate skills. A study on whether such an organization should be set up was one of the recommendations of the fraud trials committee under Lord Roskill.

Key ministers with departmental responsibilities accept Lord Roskill's arguments that such an organization would allow fewer serious frauds to escape prosecution by slipping through the net of a series of bodies working in the same field.

They believe it would lead to more effective prosecution, with scope for reducing delays in bringing cases to trial. Ministers see practical difficulties in bringing together organizations that have

Britain should chalk up a Channel tunnel win

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Britain's tunnellers expect to be well over on the French side when the two contractors meet under the waters of the Channel some time in 1989.

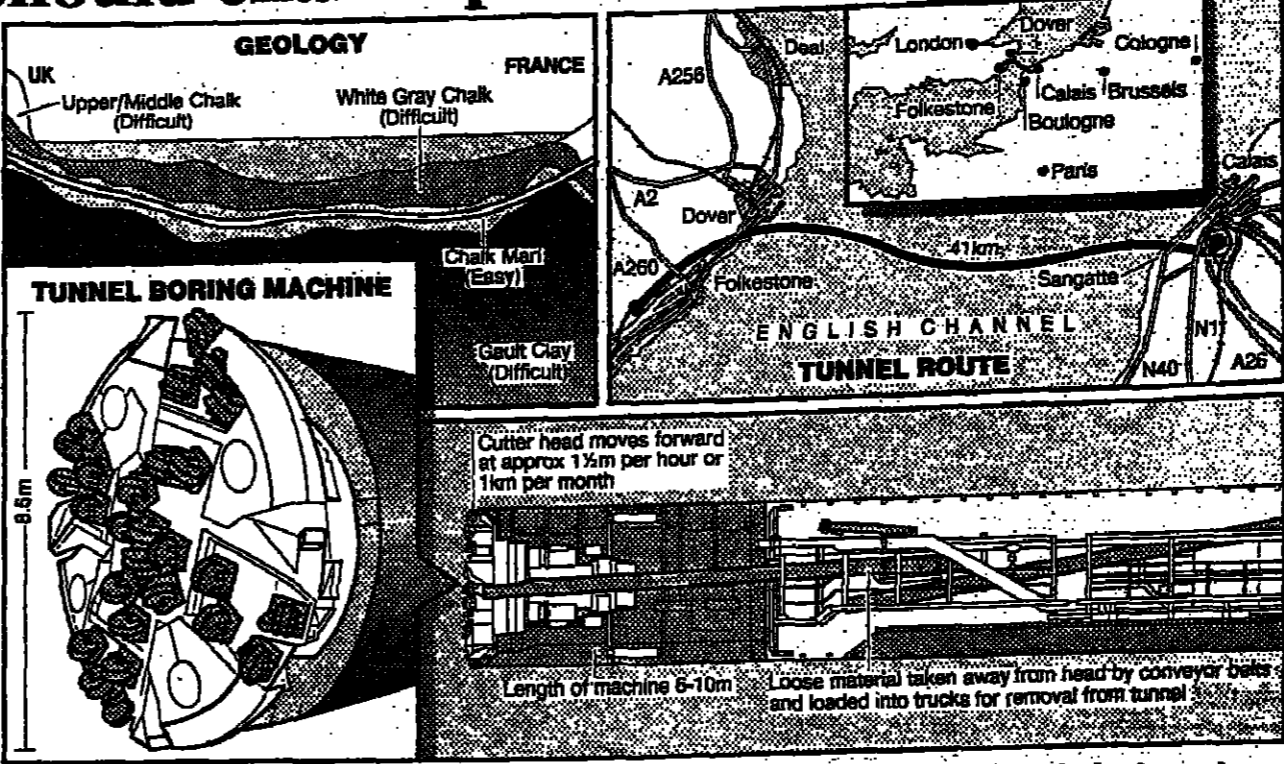
That is not because Britain is necessarily better at tunnelling, but because France's tunnellers will meet difficult conditions near the French coast, while Britain's team expect a clear run in chalk marl throughout: perfect for tunnelling.

As a result Britain expects to build about 22 km (13.6 miles) of the underwater tunnel compared with France's 19 km (11.8 miles). This will be the only notable breach in the equality insisted on in inter-governmental negotiations.

Both teams (five contractors making up a national team on each side) are working full out to make a start immediately after the treaty is signed in about May next year. Britain's Translink team (Balfour Beatty, Costain, Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow, and Wimpey) is inviting tenders for the massive machinery needed to bore the three tunnels.

Quotes are expected worldwide, with British, German, American, and Japanese companies perhaps favourites to build the six machines each up to 10 m (33 ft) long and costing up to £20 million.

The first will start cutting an 8 km (5 mile) land tunnel from the Cheriton terminal near Folkestone to Shakespeare Cliff, south of Dover where the tunnel will cross the coast about 50 m (164 ft) beneath the waterline, then carry on out to sea in a gentle curve.



which tend to be fissured and let water in, necessitating special tunnelling techniques to keep it out, and gault clay, a heavy expanding material that puts pressure on the tunnel and requires extra-strong linings. The tunnel boring machine (TBM) is a long tube with a cutter head at the front that rotates to gouge out the hole, and conveyor belts or sluices behind to carry away spoil.

Teachers keep up strike levy

By Rosalind Faux

Scottish teachers are to continue paying a strike levy of up to £15 a month to be prepared for further action if the independent review on salaries and conditions fails to provide an acceptable long-term settlement.

That is the strongest indication that the teachers' acceptance of a 15 per cent increase over two years and the promise to end their examinations boycott do not mean a climbdown on other demands.

A Scottish secondary school teacher said yesterday: "Everyone regards this as an interim pay deal but the levy will continue because very few teachers expect that the fight has ended." "Neither side is committed to accepting the findings of the independent inquiry and a reference by Mr Riddick (Secretary of State for Scotland) to having the findings subject to financial constraints on the country frankly does not bode well."

Heart death

David Kenward, aged seven, of Great Barr, Birmingham, died yesterday a day after a heart transplant operation at Harefield Hospital, north London.

Glenholmes extradition Difficulties of a simple system

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The general extradition arrangement between Britain and the Irish Republic under which Evelyn Glenholmes was held is usually one of the most straightforward legal operations of its kind.

But there are exceptions — and one covers political activities, making the task of getting IRA or INLA suspects to Belfast or London fraught with difficulty.

The first step in extradition, according to Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington and co-author of the standard English legal work on extradition, is the issuing of a warrant by one of the magistrates normally sitting at Bow Street.

New head tries Trust challenge

By John Young

Dame Jennifer Jenkins, who becomes chairman of the National Trust today, might well have resigned herself long ago to being simply the wife of a famous politician.

Being married to a man who has been Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer in Labour governments, deputy leader of the Labour Party, President of the European Commission and founder-architect of the Social Democratic Party, might seem demanding enough.

Whitehall efficiency chief quits

Mr Ian Beesley, aged 43, is to take a management consultancy post with Price Waterhouse.

His departure raises questions about the future of the unit, one of the few surviving monuments within Whitehall to the Government's earlier enthusiasm for performing the Civil Service.

Mr Beesley has been an active supporter of continuing the Financial Management Initiative, his leaving will remove a Civil Service advocate of efficiency close to the heart of the Government.

Drama to return at Old Vic

By David Hewson

Serious drama is to return permanently to the Old Vic, probably under the artistic directorship of Jonathan Miller.

Mr Ed Mirvish, the Canadian entrepreneur who reopened the theatre in 1983, is abandoning the present policy of using it for six-week runs of plays and musicals from outside production companies.

Print leader charged at Wapping

Mr Tony Dubbins, the general secretary of the National Graphical Association, is to appear in court charged with obstructing a highway near Mr Rupert Murdoch's Wapping print plant.

Mr Dubbins was charged on Saturday after disturbances outside the plant which was producing the News of the World and The Sunday Times.

Labour lead in election poll

A Gallup poll published by the Sunday Telegraph showed that 43.5 per cent of the electorate would vote Labour in the Fulham by-election and 35.5 per cent would vote Conservative. The SDP Alliance was in third place with 20.5 per cent.

A poll published in the Daily Express on Saturday gave Labour 39 per cent, Conservatives 35 per cent, Alliance 25 per cent and others 1 per cent.

Britons ahead in chess

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

Flear and Chandler are followed by the Hungarian grandmaster, Ribli, and the British grandmaster, Short, with 5 1/2 points each.

Other standings are: 4th, S. Polgar, Hungary, 4 1/2; 5th, S. Polgar, Hungary, 4; 6th, S. Polgar, Hungary, 3 1/2; 7th, S. Polgar, Hungary, 3; 8th, S. Polgar, Hungary, 2 1/2.

Swoop on jockeys in tax probe

By Thomson Prentice

Leading jockeys, trainers and racehorse owners have been visited in a co-ordinated operation by Customs officers investigating alleged tax irregularities in the racing industry.

Teams of VAT officers from London, Reading and East Anglia arrived without warning at the homes and stables of the jockeys and others last week. Their investigations concern bonus payments, made by owners, which may not have been declared in individuals' tax returns.

Ministry caution on new town

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued mild reservations about plans to build a new town for 14,000 people at Tillingham Hall in Essex, but they fall far short of the outright opposition that local opponents of the town had hoped for.

Almost all of the 761 acres of the green belt site east of London consist of unspoiled open farmland. The ministry says in its latest comments to local councils that it would prefer the homes to be built on derelict industrial land south of Tillingham Hall.

It does not want farmland to be lost at Tillingham Hall "if no need for development is established". Consortium Developments, the group of companies that wants to build the new town, insists that building should be allowed there. The appeal continues today.

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Word-men tie in battle

By our Crossword Editor

become Leeds champion. Mr Conway, aged 25, a van driver from Blackburn who read electronic engineering at London University, had twice failed by one mistake to make the national final, so which he now goes forward.

Mr N. Robinson, aged 43, a computer software specialist from Whitby Bay, was third, taking an average of 12.5 minutes a puzzle, and Mr R M Hartill, aged 36, manager of the Forum Theatre, Billingham, was fourth. Both qualify for the national final.

Britons ahead in chess

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

At the end of round nine in the GLC London Chess Challenge at the Great Eastern Hotel, the Leicester international master, Glenn Flear, looked likely to be sharing the lead with another British player-grandmaster, Murray Chandler, at 6 1/2 points.

Flear's round eight game against Jon Speelman was adjourned in a position where he had a clearly won rook and pawn ending.

Tobacco firms agree to ban on cigarette advertising in cinemas

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent
A ban on cinema advertising of cigarettes, six new health warnings which include for the first time specific warnings that smoking can cause heart disease, lung cancer and emphysema, and a freeze in real terms on tobacco companies' advertising are expected to be announced this week.

Mortgage rate cut to boost prices

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent
The announcement of mortgage rate reductions by most of the big building societies, the Halifax and the Abbey National, had reduced their rate for a repayment mortgage by 0.75 per cent to 12 per cent, with a 1.25 per cent cut for endowment mortgages, reflecting the ending of the differential rate for endowment mortgages.

Rescuer dies in pot-hole

By Peter Davenport
A member of a cave rescue team was killed yesterday in an operation to find two missing pot-holers trapped in a flooded underground system.



A member of an all-women team leads a hand on the assault course in a military skills contest to find the top Territorial Army team from the greater London area, held near Brookwood, Fife, Surrey, at the weekend (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Hospitals enter the world of commerce

The medical electronics department of St Bartholomew's Hospital medical college is going commercial.
Need for additional income to finance research and development has led to the setting up of Medial Developments, an independent company which will initially manufacture three products: Ultrasound therapy units and interventional therapy machines for use by physiotherapists, plus a range of radio pills.

Refusal by doctor affects thousands

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor
Twenty-five thousand people are being denied a new medical test that might indicate if they have inherited a debilitating disorder. Specialists in genetic disorders at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, want to use the method to help early diagnosis of Huntington's chorea.

Bethell takes airlines to court over fares

By Michael Bailly, Transport Editor
British Airways is facing legal action by Lord Bethell's Freedom of the Skies campaign over "monopolistic" air fares to Amsterdam.

Terror danger 'greater at privatized airports'

Britain's airports will be more open to terrorist attack if they are privatized, airport staff said yesterday.
The 10 trade unions representing British Airports Authority employees claimed private owners would be tempted to cut corners on both safety and security.

Solicitors act on care cases

Solicitors acting in child care cases should have compulsory training and certain minimum experience, the Law Society said in its response, published today, to the Jasmine Beckford inquiry.

Safeway chain to go organic

Organically-grown fruit and vegetables will be available for the first time in all 128 Safeway stores throughout Britain from tomorrow.

Hunt for three rapists

Three rapists were being hunted by detectives yesterday after attacks in Essex and Buckinghamshire.

Hunt for three rapists

A mother, aged 35, was raped after disturbing a burglar. She was hit on the head with a hammer at the house at Thundersley, South Benfleet.

News that Ivan can trust

The BBC External Services will today be celebrating 40 years of broadcasting to the Soviet Union in Russian - and so will their estimated 14 million listeners from Leningrad in the West to Vladivostok in the East.

40 years of BBC in Russian

By a Staff Reporter
grammes, is determined independently by the BBC managers and programme editors.

Sun Alliance announce a most rewarding savings plan for three generations.

Advertisement for Sun Alliance insurance featuring photos of three generations (Karen, John, and Eve Smith) and their potential savings. It lists investment amounts like £7,100 and £23,800 and potential future values.

Table titled 'SEE WHAT YOUR INVESTMENT COULD BE WORTH' showing projected values for monthly investments of £20 and £50 over 10 years, broken down by age and sex.

Application form for Sun Alliance insurance with sections for personal details, investment preferences, and a declaration of understanding the terms.

Swedish anger over Sellafield puts £100m deal at risk

By Thomson Prentice

The Swedish government is close to making a formal protest to Britain about radioactive discharges from the Sellafield nuclear power station after evidence that fish in Swedish coastal waters have been contaminated.

The Swedes will consider cancelling their £100 million contract to have spent nuclear fuel from Swedish power stations reprocessed at Sellafield unless they receive reassurances of tighter controls on waste disposal at the Cumbria plant.

Scientists in Stockholm have confirmed that fish off the western coast of Sweden have been contaminated more by radioactive waste from Sellafield than from adjacent Swedish nuclear stations.

The Swedish minister with special responsibility for energy and the environment, Mrs Birgitta Dahl, voiced her government's anxiety in an interview with *The Times* in Stockholm.

"There have been alarming reports about the impact of discharges from Sellafield on our environment since 1983 and we are becoming increasingly concerned," she said.

"Our own experts believe there are grounds for criticizing the British procedures and

we feel that something should be done.

"We are following very closely what is happening at Sellafield. If the situation does not improve we will have to reconsider what to do with the Swedish spent fuel which is awaiting reprocessing there."

The House of Commons environment committee report on radioactive waste, published two weeks ago, described Sellafield as "the largest recorded source of radioactive discharge in the world" and the Irish Sea as "the most radioactive sea in the world" as a result.

Such a situation created anxiety in other nations, the report said. "We found, for example, that the Swedes could identify radioactive traces in fish off their coast being largely attributable to Sellafield, greater even than contamination from adjacent Swedish nuclear power stations."

Mrs Dahl is due to make an official visit to Britain in September. Sources within her ministry said she would not hesitate to raise the Sellafield issue with the British Government then if she is still dissatisfied.

The Swedish government has come under increasing pressure recently from opposi-

tion politicians and environmentalists to register complaints over Sellafield.

Sweden is committed to phase out nuclear power in the year 2010.

Scientists monitoring radioactivity at Swedish nuclear plants have compared the levels with those leaked in recent months at Sellafield. "In one case the level was 1,000 times higher than we have recorded here," one expert told *The Times*.

Sweden does not reprocess its own spent nuclear fuel and has 140 tons stored at Sellafield, where it is due to be reprocessed in the early 1990s. "We are making sure that this Swedish fuel is not being processed there at the present time," Mrs Dahl said.

Anti-nuclear campaigners from the environmental protest group, Greenpeace, are to be allowed inside the Sellafield plant to meet its workers.

Mr George Pritchard, the campaign director, will visit the plant on March 31 with Mr John Lange, a consulting engineer, who has carried out independent surveys of the nuclear industry.

A hundred anti-nuclear protesters held a Palm Sunday vigil yesterday outside the plant and threw more than 1,000 daffodils over the fence.



Mr Harold Jenner, a naturalist, with a red kite injured when it crashed into a North Sea oil rig off the Norfolk coast. Workers on the Petrod 85 rig found the bird, which is comparatively rare in Britain, covered in oil and blind in one eye. After cleaning it, they paid £300 to charter a helicopter to fly it ashore, and have since sent money to feed it.

Council's Euro road guide 'could kill'

A road safety guide for motorists going to the Continent contains information which could kill, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents says.

Council officials who drew it up have muddled up the road safety signs and the conversion from kilometres to miles wrong.

The guide, *Drive Right in Europe*, drawn up by the Labour-controlled West Midlands County Council, has been distributed in Birmingham's Bull Ring and in and near the city's New Street railway station.

Miss Janice Cave, for the society, said yesterday: "The middle-up between the two signs could lead motorists to be killed in head-on collisions. The mistake in the speed limits tell motorists they can drive at 36mph on roads outside Spanish towns, whereas the limit is 56mph."

"Motorists are told to drive slower than they need to in French towns and on Norwegian motorways."

The signs muddle involves one saying, "give priority to oncoming vehicles", and another saying "lead of no overtaking".

Mr Don Jones, chairman of the road safety sub-committee, said: "We do not know whether this is a mistake by the printers or by officials."

School governors: 1 Parents to have bigger voice in ways of teaching

Parent governors are the new voice of the consumer in the education system. Introduced by law in 1980 by the Conservative government, they are to be expanded in number by the new Education Bill going through Parliament. Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, reports in the first of two articles.

Political domination by local authority appointees will end and the largest schools will have five parent governors, the same number as those appointed by the local education authority, under the Education Bill published last month. At present schools have one or two parent governors.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, says the reform could mean more discipline, less peace studies but perhaps more pressure from parents for spending on education.

The Bill aims to give parents the opportunity to be more involved in the life and work of their children's schools through the governing body's annual report and an annual parents' meeting. The Government clearly hopes that the reform will raise educational standards and make schooling more responsive to the community.

Governing bodies are specifically given responsibility for the conduct of the school and the power to consider the local authority's policy on the curriculum and how it should be applied to their school.

That means they will be able to question what is taught and how. It is the governors' job to write a statement of general principles on school discipline within which the head teacher is to take action.

School governing bodies are not being given new functions, but their powers are given in detail for the first time in law. That may help to give parent governors more confidence about the kind of issues they may raise at governors' meetings. But some of the muddle about responsibilities is likely to continue and many parent governors will continue to feel intimidated by the system.

Some parent governors who spoke to *The Times* did not

want to be named for fear of getting into trouble with their school or authority. The Inner London Education Authority, for example, tells parents to contact the press office before making statements to the press. One parent governor of an inner city primary school said she felt she was the token parent on the governing body.

"I feel that at the moment parent governors are thrown in at the deep end," she said. "When I was elected I had no idea of what was involved or what my role would be. Now, after 18 months, she is beginning to find her feet but is worried that other parents do not know of her existence."

Mrs Daphne Mullins, parent governor of a middle school in Bedfordshire since last September, found the job similarly intimidating. "That is something I have had to fight and tell myself that I have as much right to be there as anyone else," she said.

"But I have one important dilemma, which is that I need to speak out on issues that are important and representative of other parents at the same time as being supportive of the head. Sometimes there is a conflict there."

One such issue for Mrs Mullins was corporal punishment to which she is opposed. The head and most governors were in favour, so corporal punishment was kept.

The parent governor of an outer London primary school complained that his authority did not allow parent governors to see themselves as representatives of parents but as representatives of the school.

"It is ludicrous," he said. "You cannot do anything. We sent off a letter to the education authority about the teachers' pay dispute, but we never heard anything."

Tomorrow: What parents can do.

Provincial sales spotlight

A good run for Alan and Jim

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Alan and Jim were the twin pillars on which the success of Friday's furniture sale at Cotlers, Bigwood and Bewlay, Stratford-upon-Avon, rested. They bought or underbid about one in three of the lots on offer. They followed the porter round, sizing up every piece as it came up for sale, and the auctioneer called their names as they bid.

That is how I know them as Alan and Jim; Alan declined to give his surname, saying that he did not want any complications with the tax man and Jim was quite cordial and happy to disclose that he had an antiques shop in Chipping Camden. He did not buy nearly as much of the furniture as Alan, but he had a particular interest in textiles.

A group of five or six dealers chatting in one corner of the room was periodically asked by the auctioneer to stop wasting time and start bidding. None of them liked the idea of talking to the press. One paid the most surprising price of the sale at £1,423 for a little oak coffee table with two crudely carved florettes on the front, panelled sides and longish legs; it was all rather falling apart and only 29in wide, but presumably a genuine seventeenth-century item at that price.

At the other end of the spectrum, Alan secured an Edwardian rush-seated chair, the back formed of two oak uprights and two cross bars, at £1.10. There were two hanging from nails by the door, and I got the second one at £3.30. The extra £2.

There were no dealers prepared to bid against Alan, but

he was prepared to bid against me. All the same, I got away with a very jolly openwork fish carved from a coconut, heaven knows when, but not much after 1820, at £1 without a single counter bid.

The serious money was being paid for nineteenth-century, and even Edwardian, furniture in reasonably good condition. A set of four heavy Victorian leather chairs with carved mahogany frames made £440, a flashy ornate card table with bronze inlay £330 and a glazed walnut bookcase £550.

The chairs turned out as cheap as or cheaper than I forecast last week. The two matching Edwardian rush-seated oak chairs made £5.50 and Jim got the set of three mid-Victorian circle backed chairs at £72.60, rather than the £90 I predicted.

The well-proportioned and well-made comode chair of the 1860s made £12, roughly as predicted. The connection with the potty just put bidders off, although this comode had already lost its pierced seat. There is an exception to every rule, however. An oak-boxed shape comode, still complete with potty, found a buyer at £72.60.

Other pieces mentioned in my sale preview included the big elm settle which converts into a bed. It made £258.50, and a framed box of butterflies went for £88.

It was a professional sale with only about 20 or so bidders. Mr Steven Bruce, the auctioneer, got through 250 lots within 90 minutes. Five minutes out of the rostrum, he was organizing the collection of goods for next week's sale.

Giacometti 'cat' table reaches record price

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

A bronze and glass sculptured "cat" table by Giacometti fetched a record \$77,000 (estimate \$40,000 to \$50,000), or £50,326, at a Christie's sale in New York on Saturday.

With a spindly bronzed frame with a green patina supporting a plain glass top corner, the price paid by a Swiss private collector was the highest on record for Giacometti furniture.

It was a good day for Lalique rarities. A rare blue glass clock, intaglio cut with a male and female nude relief, made \$52,800 (estimate \$18,000 to \$25,000), or £34,509, from a European private collector, a record auction price for Lalique glass.

The revolutionary Viennese design of the turn of the century again attracted high prices. A silver table clock, designed by Josef Hoffmann and executed by Alfred Meyer for the Wiener Werkstätte in about 1906, made \$60,500 (estimate \$12,000 to \$16,000), or £39,542, to an American collector.

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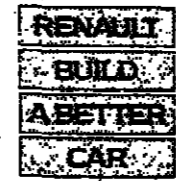


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Turmoil in Central America

Ortega offers to discuss peace with Washington

President Ortega of Nicaragua has offered to hold talks with President Reagan to resolve what he called the "escalating conflict" between the Sandinistas and the US...

From John Carlin, Managua

The Nicaraguan President made his offer during a libel trial at a public meeting with hardcore Sandinista supporters at a school in a poor neighbourhood of Managua.

But the tone of the meeting suggested that both the Nicaraguan President and his audience accepted that there was little chance of reconciliation with the US.

Señor Ortega accused President Reagan of lies, slander and threats against Nicaragua, to the apparent delight of a crowd of 500.

As he spoke, President Ortega was continually interrupted by chants of "Death to the Yankee imperialists" and "viva, viva" a part of the Sandinista liturgy...

Reagan fury at 'scurrilous' attacks

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan claimed yesterday that some opponents of his plan to aid the Nicaraguan rebels had engaged in "scurrilous attacks" on him and in outright falsehoods exceeding the bounds of fairness.

In an interview published in The New York Times he displayed "rare" anger, the paper said, as his voice shook with emotion.

He seemed to be referring to suggestions that his policy was aimed at sending American troops against Nicaragua.

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him in conflict with the whole of Latin America. He repeated that President Reagan's call for aid to the Contras "puts us on the threshold of a Vietnamization of the conflict."

He said President Reagan would provide the Contras - whom he called terrorists and criminals - with military advisers, and predicted that when he found the Sandinista army still continued to resist, he would send in "troops, helicopters and aircraft."

Señor Ortega did not limit his attack to President Reagan, weighing in against the entire US Congress - whether members voted for or against Mr Reagan's request for Contra aid - for holding a debate on "the best method... to destroy Nicaragua."

"I am not imputing the motives at all, but some of the opponents of our programme engaged in some of the most scurrilous personal attacks against me; for example, the most dishonest use of distortions and outright falsehoods that I have heard in a legislative battle."

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Mr Reagan kept up the anti-Sandinista rhetoric in his weekly radio address on Saturday, saying further delay in giving military aid to the

free "freedom fighters" would be too late. The House of Representatives last week rejected his plan to give \$70 million (£43 million) in military aid and \$30 million in non-lethal supplies.

The Republican-controlled Senate is to vote this week on a compromise plan delaying delivery of most of the military aid for 90 days to allow negotiations for a political solution to start.

If, as is likely, the plan passes the Senate, it looks unlikely that it will be acceptable to the House as it stands.

Agreement on Bhopal gas leak damages

New York (AFP) - The US chemical giant, Union Carbide, has agreed in principle to pay \$350 million (£233 million) in compensation to victims of the toxic gas leak in Bhopal, India, which caused the death of more than 2,000 people in December, 1984.

Sources who wished to remain anonymous told the newspaper that compensation would cover all the victims of the leak, whether or not they had taken legal action against the company.

The paper said that a Union Carbide spokesman, Mr Earl Slack, had confirmed that an agreement in principle had been reached.

EEC faces farm price challenge by Chirac

From Richard Owen, Brussels

In the wake of the French elections, the EEC today faces its own version of "cohabitation", the phrase used for the modus vivendi between President Mitterrand and M Jacques Chirac, his new Prime Minister.

France's European partners have to find their own accommodation with the Chirac government, which is likely to hold strong views on the EEC, not least on farm prices and agricultural reform.

EEC agriculture ministers meet today under the chairmanship of Mr Gerrit Braks, the Dutch farm minister, to tackle the long-delayed issue of farm prices for the coming year.

In an ironic twist, the new Agriculture Minister in the Chirac Cabinet is M Francois

Guillaume, the outspoken head of the French farmers' union and a vociferous proponent of French farming interests. EEC farm experts say there are bound to be head-on clashes between M Guillaume and other agriculture ministers, including Mr Michael Jopling of Britain, who favour reform of the EEC farm subsidy system and the cut in farm prices.

Until recently M Guillaume was leading farmers' demonstrations outside the same Council of Ministers' building in which he will now be meeting EEC farm ministers as a colleague.

There is anxiety in Brussels that the administration of M Chirac, himself a staunch supporter of French farmers when he was Agriculture Minister, will find itself at odds with other EEC governments over farm spending.

Pope trial enters final stage

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The court hearing the case against seven men charged with having conspired to murder the Pope will today begin considering its verdict.

The judges are expected to complete their work by Easter. Nevertheless, both the prosecution and defence agree that the full truth has not emerged during the nine-month trial. The public prosecutor, in fact, did not take advantage on Saturday of his right to make a final plea. He had already told the court the sentences he hoped to see imposed: heavy terms of imprisonment for three of the four Turkish defendants and an acquittal on the grounds of lack of evidence, for the three Bulgarians.

The fourth Turk, Mehmet Ali Agca, who fired at the Pope in May, 1981, is already serving a life sentence.

Agca, who was in court mainly as the prosecution's principal witness, dominated the whole trial. It was he who, in a series of confessions, said his attempt on the Pope's life had been organized by the Bulgarian Secret Service and the Turkish Grey Wolves, a terrorist organization.



Mehmet Ali Agca in defiant mood at the weekend. He told the court: "My truth is not absolute."

Spielberg may be the biggest winner

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Although Steven Spielberg is not a contender for best director at tonight's 58th annual Academy Award ceremony, he is likely to emerge as the biggest winner.

His controversial but successful picture The Colour Purple has been nominated for 11 awards, including best picture and best actress for its new star Whoopi Goldberg.

But much to Hollywood's surprise, Spielberg was not on the best director list. He has

already won the Directors' Guild award and will be in the audience tonight when the prizes are handed out. He politely declined the academy's invitation to be a presenter.

The main challenge to The Colour Purple comes from Sydney Pollack's intriguing picture Out of Africa, based on the work of the Danish author Isak Dinesen, which has also been nominated for 11 awards, including best picture, best director, best actress - Meryl

Streep - and best supporting actor - Klaus Maria Brandauer.

The winners are more difficult than usual to predict. Firm favourite for best director is John Huston, whose black comedy Prizzi's Honour has eight nominations, including Jack Nicholson for best actor and Huston's daughter, Angelica, for best supporting actress.

Huston's main rival is the Australian director Peter Weir, whose film Witness has



Contra aid supporters shouting across Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, as several hundred anti-aid demonstrators held a rival rally. The anti-support group had to be taken from the area in police vehicles, and several people were arrested.

Cairo hunt fails to discover gunmen

From a Correspondent, Cairo

Egypt has detained a large number of suspects in connection with last Wednesday's attack on the Israeli Embassy employees, but the authorities admit little progress.

Security officials said yesterday that people fitting descriptions given by witnesses had been detained for questioning at Cairo airport and in Alexandria, Suez City and Port Said. So far no one has been formally accused of the attack, in which the wife of an Israeli diplomat was killed and three other embassy employees wounded.

Officials declined to say how many people had been questioned, but the group is said to include a Syrian who was detained while trying to leave Cairo airport for Saudi Arabia.

Israeli authorities have quoted Egyptian officials as saying that they suspect the attackers are linked to Abu Nidal, *not de guerra* for the renegade Palestinian Sabry al-Banna, whose organization was blamed for December's twin attacks at airports in Rome and Vienna in which 19 people died.

A group called Egypt's Revolution admitted responsibility for Wednesday's attack in a letter to a Western news agency. The group admitted attacks on Israeli diplomats here in 1984 and 1985 in which one Israeli diplomat was killed and three embassy employees were wounded.

The lack of substantial progress in the investigation has again focused attention on Egypt's security services, which were discredited by last month's police riots in Cairo.

Wednesday's attack was doubly embarrassing for President Mubarak because it came as Egypt and Israel are seeking to improve relations. An Israeli delegation was in Cairo for talks on the Tabat border dispute, and Israel's Tourism Minister, Mr Avraham Sharir, was in town to promote tourism.

Peace deadlock: After nearly three hours of talks yesterday with the Palestine Liberation Organization's chairman, Mr Yasser Arafat, it was apparent that President Mubarak had made little progress in reviving the stalled Middle East peace process or reconciling Jordan and the PLO.

Mr Arafat emerged from the meeting to say that the peace process was on a "blocked road" and that it was up to the Reagan Administration to break the deadlock. Mr Arafat's pessimistic assessment echoed remarks made here on Thursday by King Hussein that his year-long effort to bring the PLO into the peace process was at a dead end.

Mr Arafat said that he agreed with King Hussein, adding: "I share with King Hussein what he said about the blocked road being caused by American intransigence."

Mr Arafat, however, made no mention of the king's statement in a speech last month that the PLO leadership had gone back on certain commitments, among them to accept openly UN Security Council Resolution 242, which implies Israel's right to exist.

US jets ready to penetrate Gadaffi 'line of death'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

In an escalated war of nerves against Libya, United States Navy jets are planning to fly off the Libyan coast in an area that includes the disputed Gulf of Sirte, inside Colonel Gadaffi's so-called "line of death".

The Pentagon said the action could come at any time up to the evening of April 1, when new manoeuvres beginning last Saturday night are due to end. "Carrier flight operations will be conducted in the Tripoli flight information region during that period," it stated.

The aircraft carriers America, Saratoga and Coral Sea will take part in the exercises, accompanied by an undisclosed number of other Sixth Fleet ships. The Pentagon

refused to say whether any vessels would cross into the gulf. Officially, the manoeuvres are "routine".

Mr John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, said that if US warships entered the disputed area it would not be in provocation. "We have a regular programme where we challenge the illegal claims to territorial waters by various countries around the world."

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said in a television interview yesterday that the ships were in international waters. He refused to say whether they would cross the "line of death".

"We have crossed that line seven times since 1981," he said, "so it would not be particularly significant."

Pretoria ban on activist ruled invalid

Johannesburg - A prominent black activist jubilantly tore up a five-year banning order served on March 11, after a judge declared it invalid (Ray Kennedy writes).

Mr Justice van Rensburg, of the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court, made the ruling at a hearing on Saturday after Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said he would not oppose the application by Mr Mkhuseli Jack, leader of the Eastern Cape consumer boycott committee, to have the banning order set aside.

UN condemns Iraq for chemical warfare

New York - Faced with irrefutable evidence that Iraqi forces resorted to chemical warfare to thwart Iran's latest offensive in the Gulf war, the UN Security Council took the unprecedented step over the weekend of condemning Iraq for violating the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning chemical weapons (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

But the Security Council's action in the form of a statement, was tempered by an implicit condemnation of Iran for refusing to end the 5½-year

war and a warning against Iranian designs on Kuwait.

The Security Council's concern over recent Iranian threats to attack Kuwait absorbed much of its attention and gave Tehran a very qualified diplomatic success over the chemical weapons issue.

Although most political and military analysts agreed that an Iranian amphibious or air attack on Kuwait was unlikely, since it would provoke outside intervention and serve Iraqi interests, they saw the merits of an unambiguous message to Tehran.

Sakharov filmed in secret by KGB

Hamburg (AP) - Kremlin sources have released a 13-minute colour film of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Russian dissident, looking obviously healthy, says the mass-circulation Bild newspaper.

The film, made by hidden KGB cameras, shows Dr Sakharov visiting doctors and a car mechanic, discussing disarmament with a KGB agent, and talking on the telephone to his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, in the United States.

The KGB made the film between December and early February, Bild said.

Flats collapse

Bombay (UPI) - Five people were killed and 19 injured when a 125-year-old five-storey block of flats collapsed after the demolition and rebuilding of a mosque near by.

Lighting up

Lyons (AFP) - A warehouse with large stocks of Feu d'Or (Golden Fire) cigarette lighters burned down in a suburb of Lyons.

Train smash

Tokyo (AFP) - More than 200 people were injured, 18 seriously, when an express hit a stationary train in heavy snow at Tanashi station in Tokyo's northern suburbs.

Serbs jailed

Belgrade (AP) - Two Serbian men have been jailed for five years in the Bosnian town of Tuzla for spreading hostile propaganda and harming Yugoslavia's reputation.

Capa sale

Madrid (AP) - The Spanish National Library has paid a collector \$25,000 (£16,500) for 43 photographs of the Spanish Civil War by the Hungarian-born American photographer Robert Capa.

Ballot delay

Khartoum (AP) - Sudan is to postpone polling in 37 southern constituencies in next month's general election because of fighting between government troops and rebels.

Unlucky day

Belgrade (Reuters) - A Yugoslav policeman was killed by a passing lorry as he left a bar after celebrating his £40,000 lottery win.

Glacier crash

Moscow (AP) - Six Soviet fliers were killed when their twin-engine transport plane ran out of fuel and crashed on a glacier in Antarctica last month. Izvestia reported.

TOKYO NON-STOP advertisement for Japan Air Lines, featuring a stylized '最短' (shortest) and an image of a jet flying over clouds.

JAPAN AIR LINES advertisement text: 'On April 1st, Japan Air Lines will be bringing Tokyo closer to London. That's when we become the only airline to operate non-stop flights from London to Tokyo...' with the JAL logo.

New French Cabinet meets

Chirac plans early vote of confidence to test Government's support

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, has decided to test support for his new right-wing Government by calling for a vote of confidence immediately after Parliament reassembles on April 2.

From Diana Geddes, Paris probably be dealt with at the next Cabinet meeting, set for Wednesday.

The main reason for that low vote was the abysmal showing of the Communists in the election. With less than 10 per cent of the vote, their lowest score for more than 50 years, some tough questions on the future direction of the party and its leadership will be put at today's meeting of the Central Committee.

Jews say Waldheim on wanted Nazis list

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The World Jewish Congress claims to have found a document listing Dr Kurt Waldheim, former Secretary General of the United Nations, as a suspected Nazi war criminal wanted by Yugoslavia for complicity in murder.

Dr Waldheim, a leading candidate in the Austrian presidential elections set for May 5, has been accused of belonging to two Nazi groups, including Hitler's SA, or Brownshirts, and of having served under a German general later hanged for war crimes in Yugoslavia.



A bronze statue of President Truman lies on the ground yesterday after being blown from its base in an explosion in Athens.

Truman statue blown up in Athens

From Mario Modiano Athens

A statue of President Truman in central Athens was blown off its pedestal and damaged by a powerful explosion at midnight on Saturday in what appeared to be a protest against tomorrow's arrival here of Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, for talks with Greek leaders.

Last week a bomb placed by left-wing extremists blew off a garage door at the Hellenic-American Union. A second device was defused. Responsibility was admitted by Revolutionary Popular Struggle, a Marxist group specialising in anti-American attacks in the past ten years.

Under the existing US-Greek agreement, which expires at the end of 1988, the Americans can operate their bases until mid-1990, but Mr Shultz makes no secret of his need to know if he can count on the bases well into the next decade so that Washington may spend large sums of money modernising them.

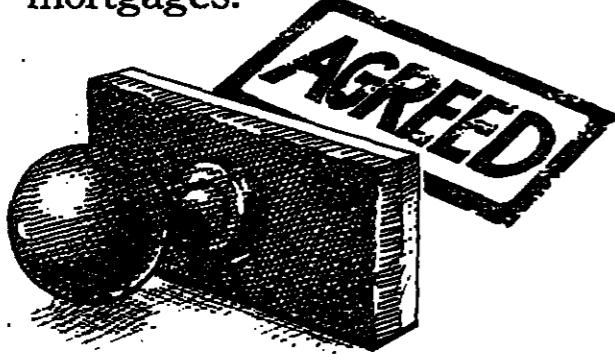
Mr Shultz's visit to Athens follows that by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who arrived in Belgrade yesterday for a two-day visit.

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Moscow congress a tough act for Prague to follow

By Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent

The Czechoslovak Communist Party leadership, having watched nervously as Mr Mikhail Gorbachev rattled a few skeletons in Moscow, today embarks on its own policy-setting congress.

- giving factories more autonomy, making them more financially accountable, tightening credit rules to encourage exports and production; greater incentives, strict labour discipline to improve productivity; allowing producers to work out separate contracts with customers, rather than working through the central bureaucracy; encouraging state firms and co-operatives to sell surplus produce.

Halley's comet nine miles long

Munich (AP) - Photographs of Halley's Comet taken earlier this month by the European spacecraft Giotto show its core is 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) in length, twice as long as had been believed, a report from the Max Planck Institute said.

Priceless Polish relic stolen

From Roger Boyes Warsaw The Government offered a large cash reward to help track down grave robbers who plundered one of Poland's holiest shrines and escaped with a priceless booty of church silver.

Violence in Punjab grows worse as Hindus fight back

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the prime minister, yesterday returned to Delhi after touring the drought-stricken western state of Gujarat to face the problem bedeviling his administration — violence in Punjab.

As in Gujarat where, despite his best efforts, he cannot make it rain, in Punjab it seems he cannot put an end to the violent efforts of a minority of Sikh activists intent on establishing a separate Sikh state.

In the past few days, the spiral of violence between Sikhs and Hindus has taken a more vicious twist: the Hindus have begun fighting back through such organizations as the Hindu Suruksha Samiti and the Shiv Sena.

As the Hindus predominate in the industrial towns, the result has been a series of general strikes, neighbourhood clashes and, finally, police-enforced curfews in several of the chief population centres.

Last week there were long curfews in Jullundur and Batala and the smaller towns of Nakodar and Muktsar. Enthusiasts of the All-India Sikh Students' Federation blockaded the riot-torn town of Batala where looting, Hindu stopped milk, vegetable and cattle fodder deliveries.

In Muktsar, the curfew was imposed when federation members and supporters of the so-called United Akali Dal, the extremist Sikh political organization led by the octogenarian Mr Baba Joginder Singh, went round forcing shopkeepers to close. They were trying to enforce a protest about the death of Mr Jagjit Singh Rode, the son of

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Baba Joginder Singh and brother of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the terrorist martyr. Mr Jagjit Singh was run over by a train last week in an incident described variously as suicide, an accident, and murder.

The week of violence culminated in a mass picket of the State Assembly in Chandigarh by the United Akali Dal. All weekend newspapers were dominated by the



Surjit Singh Barnala: administration inept. image of a Jeep carrying Mr Baba Joginder Singh, and surrounded by sword-wielding demonstrators, charging through a police blockade amid a swirl of tear gas and panicking policemen. Police opened fire on the chanting mob, killing three and injuring 37.

There are voices in Delhi now saying that Mr Gandhi's Punjab policy has plainly failed and he should dismiss the Akali Dal Government of Mr Surjit Singh Barnala and reimpose presidential rule in Punjab. But it is highly unlikely this will happen as it is difficult to see how far the central authorities can go to

impose law and order without hopelessly alienating moderate Sikh opinion.

Mr Gandhi ruled out the idea of state intervention as he was leaving Gujarat. He said it was up to the state government to take more steps to maintain peace. "The Punjab Government got a clear mandate from the people that they are against violence."

Mr Surjit Singh appears to be a weak Chief Minister because his main concern after his election was a search for reconciliation. Accordingly, he released many extremists detained under the National Security Act, paid compensation to Sikh soldiers dismissed for mutiny and gave little attention to the law and order breakdown.

But Mr Surjit Singh's honesty and integrity are respected in Delhi, and provided he will move with some firmness now it seems likely he will be given all the help he needs.

There has been one item of more encouraging news for the embattled Chief Minister. The call for a general strike to protest at deaths in police firing during the mass picket of the assembly was only partly successful. By and large, the people of Punjab showed an unwillingness to respond.

CHANDIGARH: Militant Sikhs yesterday lifted the week-long blockade of Batala, 125 miles west of here (Reuters writes).

Mr Kabal Singh, a moderate, has been elected president of the committee which controls Sikh temples in succession to Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra, who resigned last month after 15 years.

Ershad sets new date for elections

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

President Ershad of Bangladesh announced a new date for parliamentary elections, May 7, amid a nationwide general strike called by opposition parties which paralysed Dhaka for 12 hours.

General Ershad also abolished all military courts and withdrew zonal, sub-zonal and district martial law administrators as part of new concessions to the Opposition.

An election commission spokesman said that nominations for elections to the 300-seat Parliament could be filed up to April 6. The elections had earlier been set for April 26.

Life virtually stopped in Dhaka as public transport was halted, river services were disrupted and shops closed in a day-long general strike called as part of the Opposition's election-resistance movement.

At least 20 people, including several policemen, were injured when a crowd attacked a police station outside the Dhaka university campus, throwing crackers and other missiles.

Police burst tear-gas shells and fired into the air to disperse stone-throwing mobs.

The new election date was announced less than 12 hours after a leading opposition group, Sheikh Hasina Wazed's 15-party alliance, as well as the fundamentalist Jamaat-Islami decided to withdraw their earlier boycott and take part in the polls supervised under martial law.

Officials said the date was changed to let political parties prepare for the polls, but they insisted the four-year martial law would not be withdrawn before the elections.

Amritsar events leave a bitter echo

Sikh violence angers Canada

From John Best, Toronto

Recent events in Punjab have left a bitter echo in Canada, poisoning relations between the Federal Government and Canada's Sikh community and creating tension and mistrust between Sikhs and other Canadians.

Spokesmen for the community complain that Canada, and Canadians, have suddenly turned against the Sikhs. Further, they support to see the long arm of the Indian Government at work in the poisoning process.

(Sikh leaders contend that there are well over 200,000 Sikhs in this country, but the Canadian Office of Multiculturalism places the number at between 75,000 and 80,000. The discrepancy is explained at least in part by the fact that many Sikhs do not identify themselves as such to the census enumerator.)

The feeling was summed up well by a Toronto resident who said: "We should put them all on a boat and send them back to India."

The most devastating in a series of traumatic happenings affecting the community was on June 23 last year, when Air India Flight 182, from Montreal to Bombay via London, plunged into the Atlantic off Ireland with the loss of all 329 people on board.

On the same day, at almost at the same hour, two baggage handlers were killed at Narita Airport, Tokyo, by a bomb

which exploded inside luggage just off a flight from Vancouver.

Both tragedies are widely thought to have been the handiwork of Canadian Sikh extremists, who support their militant co-religionists in India, campaigning for an independent Sikh state of Khalistan.

Two Sikhs were arrested in British Columbia last November.

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her on explosives charges. The cases are up for trial today in Duncan on Vancouver Island, and will be closely watched for any light they might shed on the events of June 23.

The Government is plainly worried about the impact of Sikh extremism both on social harmony within Canada and on relations with India.

This was reflected in a speech by the Foreign Minister, Mr Joe Clark, on a visit to Delhi last autumn. "Canada and Canadians will not tolerate... those who advocate or practise violence," he said, in a clear reference to Sikh extremists. "The line must be firmly drawn when peaceful dissent becomes violent confrontation."

Canadian editorial writers show little respect for Sikh militancy. The *Victoria Times* columnist, reacting to demonstrations in Canada against last summer's peace agreement between Delhi and Sikh leaders in Punjab, told Canadian Sikhs bluntly that it was none of their business. "If they wish to make it their business, they should return to India to do so."

The *Toronto Globe and Mail* commented: "It is a cruel irony that those Canadian Sikhs who protest most vehemently in defence of their kin in India have, by their offensive behaviour, hurt the reputation of their community in Canada."

The *Winnipeg Free Press* praised as "proper and appropriate" Canada's offer last December to step up co-operation between Canadian and Indian intelligence services, a move clearly aimed at Sikh militants.

Rightly or wrongly, the word Sikh to many Canadians now suggests violence. "Every time the word Sikh is mentioned it's with the premise that we are bombers of Air India and killers of 329 people," said Mr Gurcharan Singh, secretary in Ottawa of the Federation of Sikh Societies of Canada.

Compassion for Sikhs and for their justifiable concern about the plight of brethren in India, is in short supply. Perhaps that is natural in a

multi-cultural country which takes ethnic tranquility almost for granted.

Canadians, singly hived off from the tensions that afflict much of the rest of the world, have difficulty understanding why any immigrant group would want to import racial and political tensions.

In addition, deeds committed by the militant Sikh minority here have created antagonisms against the wider Sikh community.

In the aftermath of the Indian Army raid on the Golden Temple in Amritsar, there was an outburst of anti-Indian demonstrations by Sikhs living in Canada. In one of these, the Indian High Commissioner was pelted with eggs in Winnipeg. After Mrs Gandhi's assassination, militant Sikhs danced in Toronto streets.

Beatings, bombings and attempted bombings, especially in and around Vancouver, illustrate the deepening divisions in the Sikh community resulting from recent events in India.

Some Sikh leaders fear that the re-fighting will have the effect of dooming the community to a perpetual fringe role in Canadian society, accentuating the subtle barriers to integration already created by accoutrements such as turbans, black beards and, in some cases, swords.

Tomorrow: Deportations

Spanish travel risk eases

From Richard Wigg Madrid

The threat of widespread disruption to Easter holidays in Spain has receded with air and rail unions dropping strike plans.

A stoppage at airports today, planned as part of selective industrial action during Holy Week, was abandoned by the ground staff of Iberia, the state airline, on Saturday after they accepted an 8 per cent pay rise.

But on Renfe, the state railways, the position was not so good even though it has already announced that trains will be running today.

The two main railway unions, one controlled by the Socialists and the other by the Communists, have disagreed. The pro-Socialist workers signed a new wages and productivity agreement on Saturday but the Communist-led union was yesterday still debating whether to go ahead with the strike.

It is estimated that one million holiday-makers will be arriving at Costa del Sol resorts during the next few days. Malaga Airport is due to receive almost 900 incoming flights. With an estimated 70 per cent of hotel beds already occupied, the tourist trade is forecasting a record Easter.

Aquino upset by death toll of 290 in rebel clashes

From Keith Dalton Manila

President Aquino's hopes that communist rebels in the Philippines would lay down their arms were disappointed yesterday by reports that 290 people have died in 172 rebel clashes since she took power last month.

Another 130 people were wounded and 22 abducted by the New People's Army (NPA), ignoring government overtures for a ceasefire and reconciliation, the Philippines news agency said, quoting military figures.

Two hundred of the dead were soldiers, militiamen and police and 69 were rebels. The other 21 were civilians, including the mayor of a northern town, who was killed in an ambush.

Addressing graduates of the military academy in the northern city of Baguio on Saturday, Mrs Aquino appealed to the estimated 16,000 NPA guerrillas to lay down their arms and join her in rebuilding the nation after the overthrow of former President Marcos on February 25.

"You waged war against Marcos because he was the embodiment of the worst injustice, greed and cruelty," she said. "I fought Marcos for the same reason. We had a common stand and an overriding purpose: the end of

Mr Eduardo Cojuangco, an estranged cousin of President Aquino, who fled the Philippines with former President Marcos, was replaced as chairman and chief executive of San Miguel Corporation, the company announced on Saturday (UPI reports from Manila).

Mr Andres Soriano, aged 35, grandson of the founder of the huge beer-based company, will replace him while keeping his position as president.

tyranny and shame and the beginning of hope and pride. "Now that the evil has fled, there should be no more reason to continue fighting. Our differences can be settled through peaceful processes."

Mrs Aquino, the country's first woman Commander-in-Chief, indicated she would soon announce a ceasefire and a programme to integrate the rebels into society.

A de facto ceasefire over the election period and during the revolution that followed does not seem to be holding. Separate ceasefires initiated by regional military commanders in central Luzon, north of Manila, and central Mindanao, the island hardest hit by the insurgency, have been called off.

Some attacks have involved 100 to 200 guerrillas. In one battle 23 people died.

"With the continuing escalation of attacks by the insurgents against military detachments, we have no choice but to face them squarely," Brigadier-General Lorenzo Mateo said last week when he ordered his provincial commanders in central Luzon to resume "search and destroy" operations.

His action came a day after the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, reminded all commanders that no ceasefire had yet been called, and said he would not condone any "unilateral ceasefire" by regional or provincial commanders.

Despite the release of more than 500 political prisoners and her talks with Communist leaders, Mrs Aquino has pledged to call a six-month ceasefire leading to peace negotiations, perhaps because the rebel response has not been encouraging.

So far the Communist Party Central Committee has not issued a firm policy stand on her peace offer. "It is still too early to claim with any assurance how many of those in the hills will heed our call and return to us," she admitted in her address to the 174 graduates. "Those who do not will face a reformed and reinvigorated fighting force."

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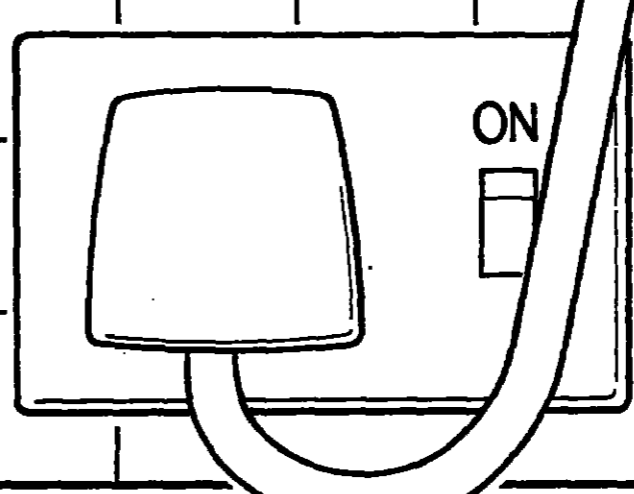
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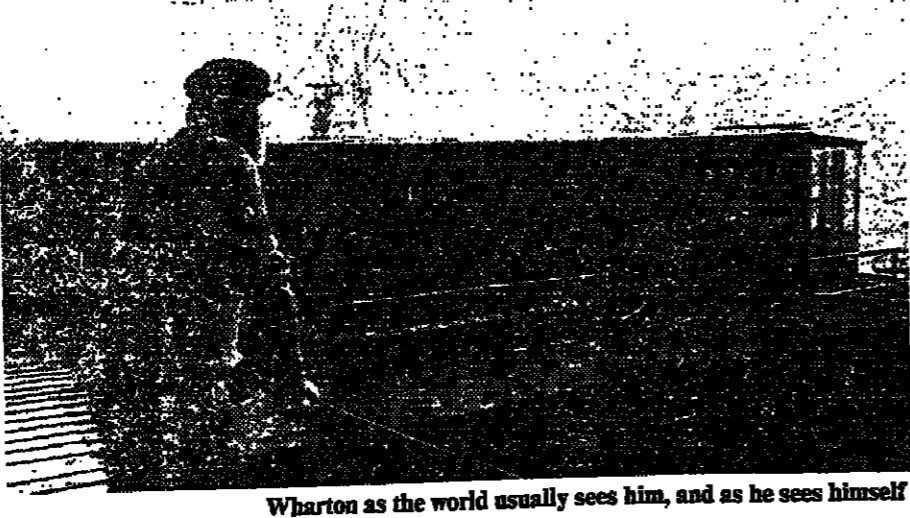
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THE ARTS

Television Emblem of loss

Perhaps not since the days of Black Beauty has a horse been so thoroughly fictionalized, so it came as no surprise that Bill Morrison's Shergar (BBC) was described as "a drama based on the events surrounding the kidnapping of the famous animal. Of course it is difficult to make that particular horse interesting per se and a modern Grand Prix could only define it as "Quadruped. Forty teeth. Makes a lot of money. Commodity."



Wharton as the world usually sees him, and as he sees himself

The reclusive William Wharton, author of Birdy but painter by preference, has a new novel out this week: interview - and a rare one - by Nicholas Shakespeare

Indelible variations

James II and his son, the Old Pretender, fled to the cobbled Paris suburb of St Germain-en-Laye. So did the Impressionists. And so in their footsteps has come a gregarious recluse known to the locals as "a crackpot American painter who has never written more than his name" - and to the rest of us as the novelist William Wharton.

Wharton divides his identity and time between the Paris studio where he paints, under his own jealously protected name, and the houseboat where he writes, transferring his fiction from index cards to tape to a word-processor. Fewer than a handful of people know the artist as the writer.



When we got pregnant I bought a used set. Then one day I threw it down the cliff into Tapanga Canyon, where my goats ate it. It was an intrusion. This fear of intrusion explains his refusal to be known or photographed. "America chews up its creative talent. People give up their lives for the artificial creations on television. I want to go on working and living a regular life" - the life he has led since returning to Paris in 1960, when he scraped his living in oils and told his children stories while his wife taught at a kindergarten.

Publishing Paperback plunge

When Allen Lane brought out his first Penguins in 1935 at 6d each, new hardback novels were 7s 6d and non-fiction between 12s 6d and 18s. At first, Penguins sold in Woolworth's and on station book-stalls. Most booksellers were petrified of what these cheap reprints might do to the sale of hardbacks. Publishers too. But the tide could not be halted, and by the outbreak of war Penguins were selling everywhere - newsagents, tobacconists, chemists, department stores, even slot machines and certainly bookshops.

Today most popular paperback fiction retails at £2.50 or more, and hardback novels are mostly £10 less 5p. Thus the differential between new titles and reprints is approximately four whereas half a century ago it was 15. In other words, paperback buyers today are getting a bad deal.

Mass-market paperback sales are not, overall, increasing. As more titles are made available in paperback, the average sale per title is lower than a decade ago. In the USA, paperback sales are plummeting during the first seven months of last year sales were 50 million lower than in the same period during the previous year. Hardbacks likely to be susceptible to aggressive promotion and marketing are in the most professional houses, receiving the full treatment, and accordingly selling well.

Jazz

Smythe memorial UCS Theatre

Pat Smythe, the Scottish jazz pianist best known as a discreet accompanist of singers, was hardly a major figure in jazz when he died a couple of years ago. He is remembered, though, with a quiet but persistent affection, now expressed in the institution of a memorial concert and an award to be presented annually to a young jazz musician of outstanding promise.

YMSO/Blair St John's

Once one looked to Penderecki for avant-garde showmanship. Now, it seems, one should be discussing his handling of sonata form; his ripe, romantic scoring; his tunes. Not often has a musical medium been so thoroughly turned over to suit a message.

Concerts

Earl Wild Wigmore Hall

In this second of his three Liszt recitals, Earl Wild concentrated on the piano transcriptions of this most individual of 19th-century composers who at the same time had an unique capacity to respond to the work of others.

Malcolm Hayes

Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (originally for organ) and Beethoven's First Symphony, which took up the first half, are genuine transcriptions rather than launchings-points for Liszt's own composing instincts, and are nonetheless interesting for that.

Opera

The Coronation of Poppea

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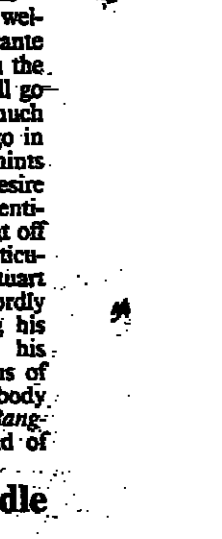
Theatre In fear of cliché China Bush. See as I may for other levels of meaning, the message of Mark Brennan's piece seems to be that Soho's demi-monde is a sad and tawdry playground where large sums of money are made out of furtive clients and girls wasting their best years by staying up too late at night.

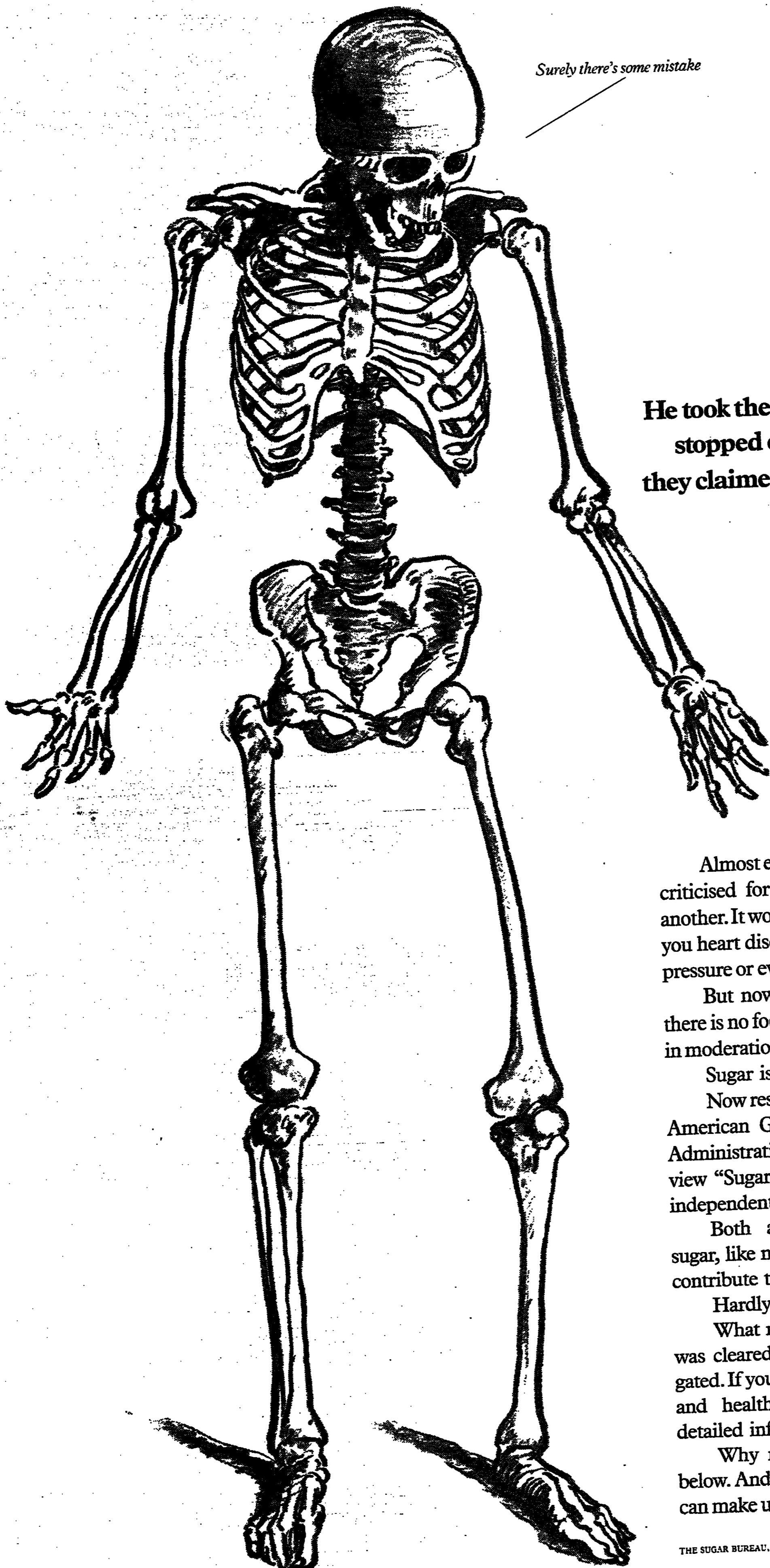


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SPECTRUM

Whitehall: the system strikes back

Who runs Mrs Thatcher's Britain? Seven years ago, the Conservative government promised a revolution in Civil Service style and management. In the first of a three-part series, Colin Hughes goes behind closed doors and assesses what has really happened

Civil servants, a Cabinet Secretary once said, rank alongside Wigan Pier and mothers-in-law as burrs of stereotypical humour. From the caricature of bowler, broily and Surbiton semi-detached, to cosy Sir Humphrey Appleby mockery, inaccurate public images have long been exaggerated by an aura of mystery.

The mass of Britain's 600,000 civil servants are better represented by the DHSS clerk who confronts the public from behind a benefit office grille; by VAT inspectors, driving examiners, immigration officials and prison officers.

Five out of six civil servants work outside inner London, a third are aged under 30, nearly half are women, and most never meet a minister, let alone say "yes" to him when they mean "no".

But recently, among both the lever-pullers of Whitehall and the cogs and wheels in the rest of the country, there has been a shared feeling of disquiet. The wrangle over trade union representation at GCHQ and confusion following the trial of Clive Ponting have left many of them unsure and insecure about their roles, rights and responsibilities.

The leak rebellions of Tisdall and Ponting may be the price of disaffection which government has to pay to achieve change. The Westland affair exacerbated symptoms of uncertainty about where the buck stops.

New navigators have been relegated to the back seat

Britain's vaunted Rolls Royce bureaucracy still powers on smoothly and, for the most part, silently. But seven years of conviction politicians who came to power impatient for a "new style" of government have raised questions which could yet force extensive reappraisal of the written and unwritten rules of relations between civil servants and ministers. Radicals both left and right want to go back to the drawing-board, while Whitehall and its defenders are fighting to retain old virtues.

study now under way into the running of the £1.000 million Community Programme.

But savings of that size loom small against the annual £16,000 million cost of keeping the bureaucracy on the road. The exercise has not had the knock-on effect its advocates hoped. The system has accommodated Rayner. It has not taken him to its heart. The unit's very future is this week in some doubt, following the unexpected departure of its head, Ian Beesley, to a private sector management consultancy job.

New navigators have also come in from the private sector, determined to pull the wheel more tightly round a right-hand bend. Most have been relegated to the back seat. The Central Policy Review Staff "think tank" was scrapped by the Prime Minister. Sir John Hoskyns took over the Prime Minister's Policy Unit with crusading zeal. Among his early plans was one to "deprivilege the Civil Service". But he ended up on the roadside, thwarted by the Cabinet Office and advocating from his post as director-general of the Institute of Directors a mould-breaking reform to blast away the rocks on which he believes this government, like others before it, has floundered.

Replacements have chosen to swim with the tide. Sir Robin Ibb, brought in from Imperial Chemical Industries to run the Efficiency Unit, is a part-time agent with a small staff of only nine career civil servants, a David against the Goliath of government departments.

The Number 10 policy unit, from which the mild-mannered John Redwood has recently returned to Rothschilds, still adopts the lower profile which he preferred.

More politically motivated advisers have come in to oil the machine, and faced the perennial problem: they can only tinker with a vehicle built on traditionally stylish but old-fashioned principles. The system that has survived 130 years is being compared with slick French Citroens, sharp German BMWs, brash American Buicks, and found wanting.

The eternal question remains: who is in the driving seat? Ministers are still confident that they dictate the direction of government. Yet in the past few weeks the Prime Minister has begun to consider the creation of a new Department of Education and Training, a suggestion partly born of the abiding belief that Department of Education and Science civil servants deliberately frustrated education voucher proposals. Sir Keith Joseph was persuaded by his officials that the system would be unworkable, and he dropped it; the hope is that Lord Young, Mrs Thatcher's "action man", can win a replay.

Michael Heseltine believes his introduction of line management



accountability at the Department of Environment and Ministry of Defence enabled him to overcome "the tyranny of the in-tray, press cutting, parliamentary question, and manifesto". In charge of departments employing tens of thousands, he used the system to find what every branch was doing, unearthing absurdities such as the MoD having three separate units, each ordering false teeth for the three different armed services.

Some officials have struggled to adapt, others have dug in their heels against threatening trends. One official's apologetic presentation of a scrutiny paper to his colleague illustrates staff sensitivity. He wrote: "I have cleared the action plan. I think it is the minimum we can get away with, and I hope it is something you feel you can live with."

£700 million a year (and 15,000 notorious administrative forms torn up). Although some of the 133,000 jobs shed were in departments that have been hived off, slashed numbers have imposed heavier demands in some areas.

The First Division Association, representing the 8,000 civil servants at the peak of the pyramid, has, however, reacted by warning its members against succumbing to "workaholic" pressures. As one principal in the Treasury says:

"Most people are keen to take on board new attitudes, and see the need for change. Being the expert on a policy costing billions when you're not yet 30 is still as exciting as it ever was. But it's true that the best are being burnt out by working 80-hour weeks, at night

and through weekends, with little reward."

Morale is low. The comparability pay structure, abolished in 1981, has yet to be replaced. Index-linked pensions are a distant compensation for sliding behind on the earnings scale. Permanent Secretaries voice discreet anxieties: the brightest and best civil servants, those marked "with gold stars behind their ears" as high fliers, are deserting in large numbers to take up jobs in industry and the City.

Hawkish ministers see the drain as a logical result of their approach. As one says: "Whitehall has for too long had the pick of the bunch, creaming off the top young talent straight out of university, and locking them away for the rest of their protected lives. It will do no harm for some of them to move into the wider health-care and other sectors." They argue that too many of those carefully selected brains were mouldering in obscure offices, with little to do but shuffle paper.

Mrs Thatcher, by taking an unusually keen personal interest in appointments and promotions, has opened a vein of resentful

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THE TWO WHO TOOK ON THE MACHINE

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Sir John Hoskyns (below left) determined to "deprivilege the service". Lord Rayner (right) wanted management reform. But did either of them succeed?



"Small victories had been won but Whitehall had absorbed Raynerism as it had all the other schemes for reform and improving efficiency. In 1985 a report by the Efficiency Unit summed up. Only half the planned savings had been achieved and even then it had taken twice as long as expected."

Clive Ponting: Whitehall, Tragedy and Farce, 1986.

muttering. She is accused of attempting to politicise Whitehall by the back door. Mere ability, it is alleged, is no longer enough: top jobs go to those deemed "one of us".

No evidence is put forward to prove that preferment is being made on the party political sympathies of career officials. Senior civil servants, even those who make it privately clear they have no personal sympathy for this government's politics, say relations at the top are more amicable than under most governments since Harold Wilson's attempt at a white-hot revolution in 1964. Most acrimony is unfocused, low morale searching for a cause. But John Ward, general secretary of the FDA, makes a more telling point which reflects the "off record" views of many mandarins. Senior managers, he says, are becoming more closely identified with the policies they implement, and therefore are seen "as more or less willing tools of a government that is perceived to be hostile to the Civil Service".

Lord Bancroft has other doubts. The former mandarin, who ran the Civil Service Department until it was abolished - along with his job - five years ago, agrees that the old attitudes of the gifted mandarins needed to be challenged, but argues that self-confidence in the service has not never been so low since the war.

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Living up to a legend

Overshadowed for so long by a father he never really knew, Julian Lennon has found his own fame



Success story: Julian Lennon

Julian Lennon had just flown in from New York where he had hosted a five-hour convention and presented a television show. A quite remarkable first year as a singer and song writer has transformed this shy 22-year-old man into a star in the business with which he has lived vicariously all his life. It has been something he has been striving to achieve ever since his childhood when he discovered that being an off-shoot of a phenomenon could be a distinct disadvantage when it came to being accepted as an individual in his own right.

Even when we met at his record company's west London office, he looked strangely out of place - a visiting messenger

and he is already notching up the trophies in America: an ASCAP award for the most popular single in 1985; a Grammy nomination for the year's best new artist; and voted best new male vocalist of 1985 by the readers of Rolling Stone magazine. His only regret is that his father is not around to see it happening.

Julian was born in 1963, the year the Beatles stepped into history. He was five when John Lennon left his mother, Cynthia - and himself - for Yoko Ono. He was 17, and just getting to know his father, when John Lennon was shot dead.

"I still think about it, but I try not to worry about it too much. I just get on with life now and think 'Oh well, maybe I'll see him again'". He wrote his new album, The Secret Value of Daydreaming, in a week in Barbados and paid for the production costs himself with the £250,000 he made from his first album.

It is the first proper money he has ever had, despite his father's millions. He believes there to be about £200,000 in trust for him and his 10-year-old step-brother Sean to share one day. In the meantime, he is relying on his tour to enable him to buy the little brownstone house in New York, two floors of which he currently rents.

He saw little of his own father after Lennon moved with Yoko to New York, although he sees both Yoko and Sean now. "The one thing that really got to me was that he never came to see me", says Julian. "I had to go and see him whenever I had free time. That's the only thing I'd have a go at him about today if he was around..."

Sally Brompton (Times Newspapers Ltd, 1986)

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A crossword puzzle grid with clues. Across clues: 1 Bush (5), 4 Holy place (7), 8 Britaine food (5), 9 Britaine food (7), 10 Fruitless (8), 11 Mount (4), 13 Choux pastry cake (11), 17 Parent's sister (4), 18 Blue potter (8), 21 Developer (7), 22 Come down (5), 23 Illustrate (7), 24 Flavour (5). Down clues: 1 Oriental stuff (6), 2 Theme music (5), 3 Glamorize (8), 4 Pancake Day (6,7), 5 Tidy (4), 6 Potty (7), 7 Swiss cereal (6), 12 Porridge (8), 14 Spite (7), 15 Cosmetics (4,2), 16 Suck (6), 19 Refuge (5), 20 Always (4).

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The other victims of rape

The rape of an Ealing vicar's daughter has focused attention on the shock an attack can cause to the men in the victim's life

Despite the Rev Michael Seward's protestations of forgiveness for his attackers, men close to rape victims do, in fact, have a tough time coming to terms with what has happened to their wives, girlfriends, daughters or sisters. It is an aspect of rape that has, until recently, been overlooked in Britain.

The Islington Victim Support Scheme in north London helps victims of any type of crime, from burglary to rape, referred to them, with the victim's consent, by the local police. When counsellors there began to realize that rape victims were often finding that their male partners or relatives were having problems coping with the attack — problems that were affecting the women's own recovery — they decided to offer a counselling service as well.

"Rape," says Kathy Hobdell of the Islington scheme, "is an enormously stressful situation, and people need as much help as they can get. It is not just a violent assault, it involves sex, a subject surrounded by taboos. Sex is an area that people often just don't talk about. So, if the partners in the relationship are already having a problem communicating, the rape makes it far worse."

Dr Anthony Bateman, a psychiatrist at the Royal Free Hospital, London, was asked to conduct the pilot project and over the past year has counselled nine men at regular intervals, at first alone, then later interviews with their partners. His initial results will shortly be published in *The British Medical Journal*. Only a small minority of the Islington rape victims in fact had male partners, but nearly all took up the offer of counselling.

Dr Bateman welcomed the project because it took the subject out of its strait-jacket — the presumption that all men are aggressive and all women victims. Although women prefer a close woman relative or friend as their confidante after the attack because they feel they can talk more freely — rather than their husband or partner, most do feel that they can trust their male partners. They don't believe that all men are rapists.

In contrast, the Rape Crisis Centre (which offers a 24-hour telephone counselling service) will talk to men, only to suggest that they get their female partners to call the Centre. Their address remains known only to women: this, explained a spokeswoman, is so that "the women feel safe". Such an attitude merely reinforces



the siege mentality that is part of the mythology surrounding rape.

Dr Bateman found that the responses of the victims' partners pointed towards a characteristic syndrome. "There is an initial phase of anger lasting five to seven days, followed by a protective phase associated with avoidance activity and anxiety symptoms lasting more than a month, and a later depressive phase associated with guilt and sexual difficulties."

The third phase of guilt, helplessness and depression, compounded with anxiety, irritability, headaches, sleeplessness, increased drinking and smoking, can last for more than six months, and merely adds to the women's difficulties in attempting to resume their normal lives. Dr Bateman says.

The men's initial reactions of disbelief are followed by anger, directed first against the victim. Why had she allowed it to happen? Why had she been foolish enough to be in a situation where it could happen? They feel, however reasonably, that they should have been there to protect the wife or girlfriend. Finally their anger turns against the attacker, and they often say they want violent revenge.

Kathy Hobdell says that these responses have much to do with the myths that surround rape: that men tend to believe that rape is an unambiguously violent situation where a Superman intervention could have saved the day. "But," she

says, "rape is not necessarily the unknown assailant armed with a knife in a dark alleyway; it's to do with forcible sex by an acquaintance, or perhaps the result of a chance meeting in a pub, or a lift home from a party — the kind of situation that is difficult for the woman to explain without feeling she will be blamed for what took place."

It is this kind of rape that is seldom reported to the police because of women's fear of male disbelief and disapproval.

In counselling, many of the men still showed, some months later, an uncertainty about the actual facts and circumstances of the rape, revealing both the ambiguity of their feelings about their partners' acquiescence, or even sexual enjoyment of the attack.

'Perhaps the greatest difficulties lie in the partners' inability to discuss the event together'

and the difficulties they had had in discussing it between themselves. During the second phase the men showed excessive and unreasonable protectiveness. They increased the security of their homes, with bars on the windows and extra locks on the doors — even when the rape had taken place outside in a public place. Some wanted virtually to incarcerate their partners. One man wanted his wife to stay at home when he was at work; or, if she did go out alone, to telephone him every hour. Another started to take time off work to accompany his girlfriend to the local shops; even six months later he still kept a starting pistol by the side of the bed.

In a recent American television soap opera, the hero, having successfully chased away his wife's would-be rapist, declared: "It's all right now. I'm never going to leave you alone again, ever." A succinct phrasing of the myth of male culpability and resulting over-protectiveness. "The awful thing about rape," explains Kathy Hobdell, "is that it takes away a woman's control over her life. So such cotton wool treatment can become a problem."

This kind of reaction interferes with the victim's adjustment to the rape, and with such attempts to get back to normal as mastering her anxiety about travelling alone on the train because the attack had taken place there.

Perhaps the greatest difficulties lie in the partners' inability to discuss the event together. Dr Bateman found that the men avoided any reference to violent sexuality in the media, or in conversation with other men.

One vetted the newspaper every morning and, if it contained any item about rape, would hide it and claim it hadn't been delivered. Another broke bones in his hand when he punched a brick wall after hearing some workmen whistle at a woman passing in the street.

Dr Bateman said: "Interestingly, this inability to come to terms with male sexual violence extends further than just close partners. One rape victim worked in an office with only male colleagues. When she told them what had happened to her, they were unable to talk to her for a week."

"It's as though any suggestion of being able to cope with sexual violence becomes impossible for men when directly confronted with the rape." Most couples took up to three months to resume their sexual relationship, although for many it took much longer, especially if there had been sexual difficulties before the rape.

One man described himself as "trying to make love without really making love" — in case he did something the rapist may have done. "Aggression forms part of normal sexuality," says Dr Bateman, "which then becomes frightening when the rape confronts the man with the aggressive component of his own sexuality. But without risking an element of aggression, it may feel impossible to him to have sex at all."

Although there is a feeling of hopelessness about the relationship, a feeling that things can never be the same again, the men said they were not too concerned with the essential Victorian notion of their woman's purity being "soiled", although they admitted having thought about it. American studies have shown that a rape tends to end an existing relationship.

All but one of the couples involved in the Islington scheme are still together, but Dr Bateman points out: "It's early days yet. It doesn't all end happily ever after. But I do feel that these couples are at least being given the chance not to split up."

Isabelle Anscombe

A school for senses

By 1988, London children could be learning as they play in the classroom of the future

One 11-year-old would like to call it "the Five Senses Centre" because "in a real museum, like the Science Museum, you only see two senses, you see and you hear and you can't touch, but here you'll be able to use all five".

It will have a house in which everything can be worked — washing machine, telephone, central heating — and a street beneath which children can explore. There will be a television studio and an office fully equipped with the latest communications systems and a personal computer. There will be a huge model, the start of an exhibit called "All About Me".

This is the playground-museum classroom parents and teachers have so far been able only to dream of. It now looks set to become a reality since the Clor Foundation pledged initial funding which may be worth as much as £5 million. It will open in 1988.

Exhibits like toilet cisterns and locks will have cut-away sections to show what happens when they are worked, and there will even be a "sensory deprivation area" where children will find out what it means to be handicapped.

"For years I have been trying to encourage children to learn by experience rather than by the written word alone," says Mrs Barbara Ryan, head teacher of Leventhorpe Primary School in Islington, north London. "This will be a great facility for schools. Teachers will be able to use it for problem-solving, but it could also teach adults to trust children to think for themselves."

Mrs Ryan's school is one of several in London whose children have been helping to find the name to replace the working title of Children's Museum. Front-runners so far are



The class of '88: Stephen Feber and Vivien Duffield

Children's London Discovery Centre and Discovery World. Its director is 34-year-old Stephen Feber, a former polytechnic teacher. "I have always been more interested in education which is in the control of the learner, in providing environments and situations where people can learn at their own pace," says Feber, who ran the Sudbury Hall Museum of Childhood in Derbyshire until last year.

Initial building costs will be £3 million

"The definition of an attractive exhibit for me is that it allows the learner to experiment and play," he says. There will be a pedal car which will only work if four children pedal in harmony. "Clearly it's going to be as much a social as a learning event."

The project began in 1979 when Mrs Rosemary Goldsmith, wife of Trusthouse Forte's planning and marketing director, took her family on a visit to a new children's museum in Los Angeles where visitors were encouraged to play with exhibits — "something I'd never seen before" — and decided there should be such a place in Britain. The Los Angeles museum was itself based on the Boston Children's Museum, which

was to play another crucial part in the founding of the London centre.

Mrs Goldsmith consulted and recruited experts and was further encouraged by a government grant of £50,000 to research the theme. She hired Stephen Feber and they produced a glossy brochure to try and attract sponsorship.

Meanwhile Mrs Vivien Duffield, daughter of the late Sir Charles Clor and a trustee of the Clor Foundation, was visiting the Ruth David Youth Wing of Jerusalem Museum and then the Boston Children's Museum with her own children. "Here was this fantastic place for kids to learn by doing, and there was absolutely nothing in Britain remotely like it. Then Stephen's brochure came through the Foundation's post and as I'd just seen these things I knew what it was about."

She contacted Feber — "with no promises, just a show of interest" — and set to work persuading her fellow trustees to help. Though as yet she is cautious about the amount, it is thought that £5 million is being made available to pay for initial building work (expected to cost about £3 million) and some exhibits. Grants and more sponsorship are being sought by Feber.

In September last year Ronald Grierson, chairman of the South Bank Board, announced that the centre would be sited there. He has offered a site between Hungerford Bridge and the Festival Hall. In November the Conran Foundation proclaimed the centre would go to its new complex at Butler's Wharf. In fact a choice has yet to be made, and there is even a third site under discussion.

This month, the Royal Opera House's building projects manager, Robin Darrington was appointed to evaluate the various sites and a decision is expected by the spring.

"We are seeing the start of a new service industry," Mrs Goldsmith believes, "which we could call 'leisure education' and we believe there will be centres like this all over Britain in a few years."

Mrs Ryan's children can hardly wait. One little enthusiast wanted to know: "Will we be able to go even without the school?"

Simon Tait

Your money or your figure?

Dr Sroly Biotnick has just published the results of a 25-year study of career women and has advised a problem that the working female may not have known that she had: some men might come along and marry her for her money.

"This is a worry that need to be confined to bona fide heiresses and never got much sympathy out of me: if a Ms Onassis or a Ms Rockefeller have sometimes been racked with doubts that their shining souls are not the only thing about them that causes gentlemen to break out in a rash of proposals, my reaction is that they are very lucky to have something else which makes them desirable. Inherited oil-tankers or dollars are a gift of nature, like blonde curls."

But to have fortune-hunters flocking on account of the money you have earned all by yourself is something completely different. For whereas the oil-tankers and dollars that are handed down from father to daughter tend to go on forever, one's ability to draw a good salary is finite. It is upsetting enough to suspect that a man might take to the hills as soon as he spots silver threads among the gold. To be forced to accept that he could disappear along with the

company car on the day you get the sack is dreadful to contemplate.

This is an unwelcome new aspect of the female condition. Our main anxiety used to be that we were adored on account of our beautiful bodies — a man I know reassures his shapely wife that this is not the case by patting her on the bottom while exclaiming "Wow, what an intellect!" — but it is now beginning to seem preferable to attract attention by means of physical attributes rather than by a bank balance that is in excellent shape.

Just about the only compensation attached to men who hover around high-earning women is that they are unlikely to be over-concerned about the women's looks. According to Dr Biotnick, "... in high school and college, these men were attracted to the best-looking girls. But when they were in their late 20s, and throughout their 30s, they actually fled such women... because they sensed that they were not in a position to shoulder the emotional and financial burden the women represented."

I wouldn't mind some one thinking my pay cheque was the most gorgeous thing about



PENNY PERRICK

me if he were an international playboy who shot his cuffs, captained a polo team and had his car-de-colonne made for him exclusively in Paris. But, sadly, career women attract rather lesser fry. The men who want them are unrealistic dreamers, waiting for a miraculous "one day" and filling in time with odd jobs while preparing to write a major novel, or be discovered by Michael Grade. They flatter obsequiously and borrow money which is never repaid. In fact, they have all the failings of the old-style gentlemen of easy virtue who traditionally

buzzed around heiresses, but with none of their glamour.

Another unacceptable habit of the modern male on the make is that he brags about the amount of money his current girlfriend earns. I have never felt comfortable with men who told the world about my ability to line curtains or cook crème brûlée. I think I should feel even less at ease with a man who boasted about my salary.

One of the career women quoted by Dr Biotnick describes herself and her contemporaries as "a breed of new Puritans" and I suspect that I am among their number. My puritanism has, so far, kept me immune from men who lark about but makes me fall into a romantic swoon whenever I meet up with an unrepentant workaholic. There is no logic in this behaviour. Men who live to work, can afford to take you to the Bahamas — but can never spare the time. They are often stressed, grumpy and exceedingly tired. But they understand (who better?) your own urge to work hard. And they earn enough money themselves to keep their hands off yours.

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An evening in for two

A friend of mine complains bitterly that the trouble with his single state is that he has to go out with women all the time. This is no misogynist. He loses female company, but doesn't like everything that goes with it: having to remember to pick up theatre tickets, book restaurant tables and sit through films with mystifying subtitles.

If only somebody could tell him that women are often in no mood for cultural activities and would rather not dine out, since it tends to be fattening.

But this is the best-kept secret in the world. It must not be admitted that now most women work, what they like doing best are things that do not require changing out of their flat shoes or a visit to the hairdresser. To say this aloud would put theatres, restaurants and hairdressers out of business. Even so, the first man to tear up two tickets for a night at the opera and suggest, instead, an evening spent leafing through *Vogue* and drinking whisky will never lack the companionship of women till the end of his days.

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Rially

If the Aussies were alarmed by their new dollar coin—the inscription on the Queen's necklace reads more like POM than DOM, the artists' initials—it is nothing to the horror felt in Iran over the new 100 rial note...

Small beer

Scots Tory MP Michael Hirst thinks his Commons secretary has an exaggerated idea of his means: last week she sent him a note in the chamber thus "Please phone your wife. Nothing wrong, but urgent..."

Orange red

Fulham by-election voters may be interested to know that Boyd Black, the Irishman standing on a ticket of opposition to the Hillsborough agreement...

Whole hog

No half measures for Lord Kimberley. Six times married, president of the Falmouth Shark Angling Club, he was expelled from the Liberal party for urging Liberals to vote Tory in marginal seats...



You're right. Red hair looks better on the dog.

Hatton's castle

Charles Spencer, a regular for the past 25 years at the Gay Hussar restaurant in Soho, the haunt of famous left-wingers, ring to book his normal table only to be told abruptly to ring back later...

Rod of iron

If teachers think life is tough today, they should take a look at the rules issued in 1915 for women teachers at the Tauranga School in New Zealand...

A haven for misunderstanding

Dublin The humiliating debacle that allowed alleged terrorist Evelyn Glenholmes to go free is the latest in a series surrounding the contentious issue of extradition between the Republic and Northern Ireland...

Richard Ford reports on the new suspicions over extradition of terrorist suspects from Ireland after the Glenholmes fiasco

Then Garret FitzGerald's coalition government appealed to the Supreme Court against such high court rulings. In 1982 a redefinition of Irish extradition law began. In the case of Dominic McGlinchey it was argued, as before, that the alleged offence in Ulster was political in intention...

The same month saw the collapse of perhaps the most important extradition case so far. Brendan Burns, wanted for the murder of five British soldiers in Northern Ireland, walked free from Dublin High Court after his detention was declared illegal...

What does Nigel Lawson's call for "populist capitalism" mean for job prospects in inner city areas with high ethnic minority populations? The government says the key is a package recently announced to target existing programmes on specific areas...

Malcolm Cross calls for new thinking on help for Britain's inner-city blacks

When pounds give way to prejudice



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Handsworth, September 1985: deprivation cannot be blamed for black resentment and violence — but racial bias can. The potential, then, is considerable, but the effort will founder if it is not accompanied by the abandonment of assumptions that have hitherto dogged previous initiatives...

These differences, confirmed by studies on employer-based schemes at the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations, are so great that unless an "intentional" attack is mounted on discrimination, whatever good is achieved elsewhere will count for little...

Can Mr Reaganomics still hang on?

Washington The authority of Paul Volcker, chairman of the United States Federal Reserve Board, arbiter of currencies, controller of inflations, reckoned by many to be the most powerful figure in international finance, has been undermined...

out this independent, sometimes irascible man, Reaganomics might not have been so attractive. It was Volcker who decided, early in Reagan's first term, to tighten the American economy by squeezing the money supply to the point that the United States, and the world, were plunged into the worst recession since the Great Depression...

warned that a sharp fall in the value of the dollar could bring inflation back. The Reagan-appointed "gang of four" — Preston Martin, Martha Segar, Wayne Angell and Manuel Johnson — believe the message has been overdone. By their vote and in speeches, they have let it be known that they favour an increase in the money supply...

Anne Sofer Caring about efficiency

"What you should be doing, Anne, is writing more about what is really going on inside the Alliance. The internal arguments are always the most interesting..."

When I have asked this question at Alliance meetings. Both Alliance parties contain many activists who work in the public sector — nurses, social workers, teachers, civil servants. Most are admirable people with an altruistic commitment to public service...

The list of stolen clothes is impressive. The Tories' popular but highly controversial trade union legislation has been promoted under the banner of "giving the unions back to their members", this phrase was a direct lift from the SDP's 1982 green paper written by Roger Little, now the SDP candidate in Fulham...

David Owen's book *A United Kingdom*, which comes out this week, is blunt about this. "Any government needs more ways of measuring and rewarding efficiency in the public service", he says. And he explains the theory of the American economist Leibenstein based on "X-efficiency", where "more output relative to input can be introduced without a reduction in input"...

moreover... Miles Kington Rara avis and friends

Hello! (writes Sheepshank, our wandering naturalist). Have you ever noticed that Nature Notes are always about common birds and flowers? Things that we can all see? Well, I thought for a change we'd have a nature column about the very rare stuff that nobody mentions until it's threatened with extinction, and not always then...

less and frivolous. It stays in London all week and flies out to the country early on Friday to beat the crowds. Its call is a rasp of pleasure; if you meet it don't believe a word it says. A small outbreak of Taylor Woodrow Orchids has been reported from the site of the intended A44(M) extension. This extremely rare orchid, bright yellow, is known to grow only on the sites of intended motorways. It usually starts breeding after the motorway plans have been drawn up, as if in some mysterious way it knew that the protesters would need it. On the other hand, it may just have been planted overnight by some ecological lobby...



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DEATH WARRANTS

Saturday's farce in the courts and streets of Dublin was a sharp and frightening illustration of the problems faced by civilized societies...

Glenholmes' appeal up through the Irish judicial system was to have been a further test of the Supreme Court's all too recent dictum forbidding terrorists from claiming "political" defence.

But there is an opportunity from Saturday, too. No government enjoys the service of perfect servants. Neither British nor Irish politicians can guarantee the adherence of judges to their political priorities...

A TALE OF TWO CITIES (AND A ROCK)

Spain's foreign minister Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordonez has complained that Gibraltar is the last remaining colony in Europe. As such, he says, the promontory is a "morally intolerable" anachronism.

To describe Gibraltar in the terms used by Señor Fernandez Ordonez is anyway to state something of a half-truth. A colony it may be, but the passions surrounding it are not those normally thought of as colonial.

at La Linea, then crossed for the first time into Gibraltar to discuss in situ cooperation over use of Gibraltar's airport. Spain's refusal to grant overflying rights for British military aircraft and the status of Spanish citizens using the airport before crossing into Spain are two issues still to be resolved.

FOR THE LISTENERS IN THE EAST

Forty years ago today the BBC began broadcasting to the Soviet Union in Russian. Those first broadcasts met a need for information - truthful, balanced, sometimes uncomfortable information - with which the Soviet authorities did not see fit to trust their people.

But it is not only financial difficulties that have dogged the BBC's broadcasting in Russian since the beginning. The Russian Service has also had to contend with the implacable hostility of the Soviet authorities towards those who broadcast in a language its people understand.

cause they are jammed; deliberately, expensively and in contravention of international agreement. The level of jamming imposed by the Soviet authorities is a compliment. It is also a violation of individual liberties and should be recognized as such more than it has been.

Weakness at A level

From Miss Anne Dreydel. Sir, So long as we continue the A-Sir, so long as we continue the A-Sir system, with its concentration on three subjects in the final school years, in contrast to every other nation, science pupils will learn no English, arts pupils will learn no mathematics or science after the age of 16, and only a minute proportion will learn a foreign language or history, no wonder maths teaching at primary school is patchy and generations of students declare "I'm like my family - no good at languages".

mistakenly - that candidates are stronger in their entry subjects for having given so much time to them; hence, they argue, our three-year university courses compared with four or more years in other countries. (There are quite other reasons for our shorter university courses.)

levels as the A-level groups in the same subjects. They have likewise done as well - or better - at university later. This in fact accords with most people's experience. We are not necessarily best at the things we spend most time on. Learning to work quickly is surely a valuable skill in itself, whether preparing the dinner or achieving fluency in a language.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reflections on the Budget

From Mr J. F. Garner. Sir, In his Budget speech the Chancellor referred to the report of the House of Lords Committee on Overseas Trade as predicting that "as the oil revenues diminish the country will experience adverse effects which will worsen with time."

ran out of control, rendered such a levy even more objectionable, but the Chancellor did not need to refer to that: he condemned it quite rightly on the general principle. It can, therefore, only be a matter for disgust that yet another Budget has failed to remedy the position.

Anglican record on church care

From the Chairman of the Redundant Churches Committee. Sir, The facts do not support Mr Freeman's attack (March 15) upon the Church of England's record of care for its churches.

Businesses benefit from lower costs and the general expansion in world demand, but the Government's argument does not impinge upon this problem at all and is a weak attempt at subterfuge. Yours faithfully, J.F. GARNER, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, March 19.

But while there are so many out of work it is obscene to reduce tax for those with income instead of increasing benefits. It may seem a futile gesture but I wonder how many people would be prepared to take advantage of another of Mr Lawson's innovations and donate 1 per cent of their taxable income to charity. Yours faithfully, SEBASTIAN KRAEMER, 59 Brixton Water Lane, SW2, March 18.

The future of 1,053 redundant churches (not all of them listed) has been settled since 1969 when the measure took effect. Three quarters are still standing. Over half of them have been found new uses, often for the benefit of the wider community - as indeed in the case of the three specific examples which Mr Freeman commends.

Prescription charges

From the Director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. Sir, Your correspondent, John Weatherill (March 14), noted reports that the recent 20 per cent increase in prescription charges (which is equivalent to about 5 per cent in "real", retail price index-adjusted, terms) is exactly in line with the rising costs of medicines.

have fallen by 1-2 per cent in "real" terms as compared with 1984-85. This means that NHS medicine costs have declined relative to those of other types of NHS activity. Your readers should, however, note that in "real" terms NHS prescription charges have increased by over 500 per cent since the start of 1979. This outstrip the rise in overall NHS medicine spending recorded between the early 1950s and the present day, during which period most of the current life saving and enhancing pharmaceuticals have been introduced.

However, no system is perfect and that is why the Department of the Environment and ourselves are looking at ways in which the non-statutory public inquiries can be improved to become an even more effective forum for weighing all points of view in particularly difficult cases. Yours faithfully, SANDFORD, Chairman, Redundant Churches Committee, 1 Millbank, SW1, March 21.

Money for farmers

From Mr A. Harrison. Sir, Your leading article (March 11) calling for much more basic thinking on Europe's farm surplus strikes right at the heart of the matter: "Grain support levels have been reduced, but with technical advance, the yield still increases."

It would surely be more far-sighted to place severe EEC restrictions on the use of nitrates, with a compensatory farm price adjustment, perhaps to real 1980 levels? Yours faithfully, A. HARRISON, Morrells, Netherwitton, Northumberland, March 11.

The effect of merely a false accusation of rape on a man and his family, whether the accusation is made for revenge, money or attention, would be devastating even if he is not convicted, as it is rarely possible for a man so accused to prove his innocence even if there is no evidence on which he could be found guilty. The publication of the name of a man wrongly accused, whether mistakenly maliciously, would itself be a great and irreversible injustice.

The 'workers'

From Dr Robert J. Doig. Sir, I was most interested by Mr Toomey's letter (March 11), on the unfortunate divisive term "managers and workers."

They have Arbeiter and Arbeitnehmer - work giver and work acceptor. If only English had suitable words. Yours faithfully, ROBERT J. DOIG, 9 Court Lane, Dulwich, SE21, March 11.

Perhaps those clamouring for the publication of defendants' names and anonymity for the victims could remember that in some cases the victim and the defendant are one and the same person. Yours faithfully, PHILIP MICKELBOROUGH, 39 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, March 14.

Diaries at odds

From the Head of the London Office of the European Parliament. Sir, For the Diary Publishers' Association to claim (March 15) that confusion over the start of British Summer Time is variously the fault of the Home Office, the Government and EEC harmonisation is simply an attempt to confound their own confusion. To add that there is "no harmonisation anyway" is simply untrue.

consent of Westminster) has agreed with all other Community governments on the starting date of Summer Time. Equally, it has been made clear by the British Government that there has been no agreement with our European partners on when to put the clocks back. So that this year summer time will end in the UK and Ireland on Sunday, October 26 and in the other 10 Community countries on Sunday, September 28. Yours faithfully, ROGER BROAD, Head of London Office, European Parliament, 2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1, March 17.

Guessing game

From Mr Philip McLaughlin. Sir, Mr Philip Pettifor (March 13) appears to have misinterpreted the relevance of his son describing multiple choice examination papers as "multiple guess".

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 24 1934 Some talk of Arkle, Red Rum and other steplechasers but to many horse lovers there is none that can compare to Golden Miller, winner of the Grand National (carrying 12st 2lbs) in 1964 and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1968, 33, 34, 35, 36. He was sold as a yearling in Dublin for 105 guineas and was bought by Miss Dorothy Paget for £6,000. He won 29 races, in all worth £15,000, his last race being in 1987 at the age of 30.

THE GRAND NATIONAL VICTORY OF GOLDEN MILLER

FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT Miss Dorothy Paget won the Grand National at Aintree yesterday with her exceptionally good-looking horse Golden Miller, a seven-year-old gelding by Goldcourt out of Miller's Pride, trained by Basil Briscoe and ridden by G. Wilson. Golden Miller, who started at 8 to 1 against, won by five lengths from Delaneige, who in turn was five lengths in front of Thousand II.

DELANEIGE IN THE LEAD

Just before the Arm Chair Fence Cantillius II had fallen and Delaneige just led Forbra and Gregalach over the water-jump. So the field, with considerably more than half standing, went out into the country for the second time. One by one the field now began to be reduced either by falls or by the horses falling back beaten. Gregalach began a long ground and faded away and by the time that the Canal Turn was reached for the second time Forbra, Golden Miller, who had always been going really well, jumping with ease and galloping without effort, and Delaneige had drawn away from the field. Really True was fourth. By the time that Valentine's was reached Really True had drawn up, and was within challenging distance of the three leaders. Really True was also well placed, while Thousand II, ridden for speed, there being doubt as to whether he was being by Drimmore, would stay the distance - was closing with the leaders.

Accused of rape

From Mr Philip Mickelborough. Sir, Rape is a terrible crime; there is another, however, which must be even worse. That is the goading, perhaps for life, of an innocent man for a rape which might not even have occurred.

All-rounder

From Mrs Audrey Shepherd. Sir, I have done 23 jobs in the last 35 years - housekeeper, cook, cleaner, chauffeur, mother's help, kennel maid, laundry maid, valet, shoe shine girl, window cleaner, dressmaker, upholsterer, gardener, painter/decorator, plasterer, carpenter, plumber's mate, shorthand typist, telephoneist, receptionist, bookkeeper, car park attendant and, incidentally, all for one boss/husband. Yours faithfully, AUDREY SHEPHERD, Woodside, Upper Oakley, Diss, Norfolk.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 22: Dr John Clayton had the honour of being received by Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor Castle when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mrs Stanley Finbow had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Herbert Long had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented to him a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Mr James Juffs had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, and her husband attended a Rock Gospel Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.P. Lawson and Lady Caroline Lowther The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Colonel Sir John Lawson, Bt, and the late Lady Lawson of Sotham, Somerset, and Elizabeth, daughter of the Earl of Londale, of Ashham Hall, Penrith, Cumberland, and the Hon Mrs Jennifer Sullivan, of Timbarland, Lincoln.

Mr J. Brooke Turner and Miss A.C. Reynolds The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Brooke Turner, of Poultons, Dornandland, Surrey, and Allison Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Reynolds, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr T.R. Charlton and Miss M.J. Glendinning The engagement is announced between Terence, son of Mrs J. Charlton and the late Mr V. Charlton, of Blackpool, and Margaret, daughter of Mr C.R. Glendinning and the late Mrs A.D. Glendinning, and step-daughter of Mrs M.A. Glendinning, of Tiverton.

Dr M. Griffiths and Dr K.E. Elliott The engagement is announced between Malcolm, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Griffiths, of Tydesley, Manchester, and Kay Elizabeth, daughter of Mr A.G. Elliott, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.J. Harding and Miss D.R. Hunting The engagement is announced between Joe, son of Mr Bernard Harding, of Algeciras, Spain, and Mrs Medora May Harding, of Felpham, Sussex, and Deborah (Dumps), daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Hunting, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire.

Captain R.C.D. James and Miss F.M.A. Rhys The engagement is announced between Richard James, The Queen's Own Hussars, second son of Major and Mrs Philip James, of Stone Court, Rooks Nest, Godstone, Surrey, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Llewelyn Rhys, of Hill Farm House, Babury, near Somerton, Somerset.

Mr A.R. Loweth and Miss L.S. Parr The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr and Mrs C.E. Loweth, of Ailsworth, Cambridgeshire, and Linda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T. Parr, of Bootham, York.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Davis, 75; Miss Jane Drew, 75; Professor Stephen Elk, 72; Sir John Kendrick, 69; Miss Sonia Lammiman, 30; St. Asaph to Meinertzhagen, 66; Sir Malcolm Mugginger, 63; Sir Noel Surtees, 76; the Earl of Selkirk, 46; Professor Dorothy Severin, 87; Mr Tommy Trinder, 77; Professor H.B. Whittington, 70.

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It is quite unimportant whether a particular ecclesiastical building has recently been much used. The removal of the police station or magistrate's court would in the same way symbolize the weakening of justice and law.

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Clifford Longley Churches as sacred symbols in the secular desert

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OBITUARY

MR C. M. JONES Influential tennis player, coach and analyst

Mr C. M. "Jimmy" Jones, who died on March 22 at the age of 73, was an influential figure in the world of tennis who made his mark as a player, coach, psychologist, technologist, journalist and as the author of more than 30 books.

"Jimmy" Jones as he was universally known, brought to all his labours an original and deeply analytical brain fired by inexhaustible enthusiasm.

He completed at Wimbledon from 1932 to 1951 and in 1958 played two Davis Cup singles for Britain against Romania at Harrogate.

During the Second World War he became a flight lieutenant in the RAF and later served as a staff officer at the Ministry of Aircraft Production and the Air Ministry.

He was a member of the Institution of Radio Engineers, the British Society of Sports Psychology, the British Society of Sports Sciences, and an associate member of the British Association of National Coaches.

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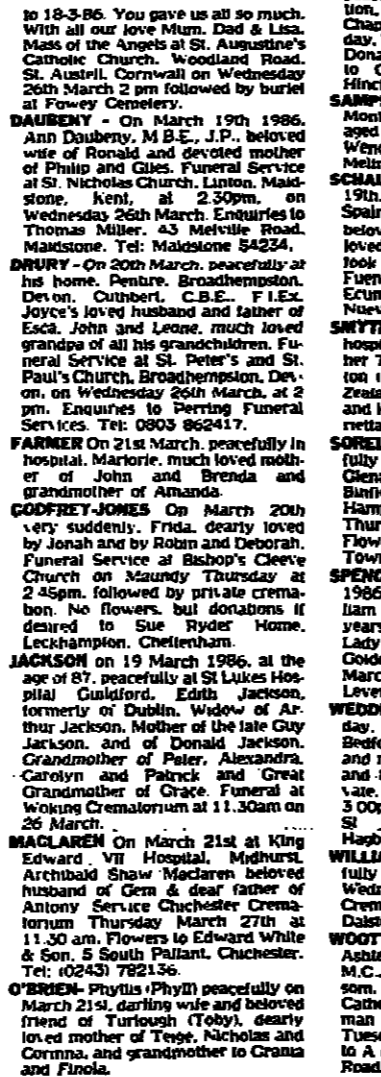
GABILL - On 14th March 1986 at Royal Brompton Hospital, Aylesbury, at the age of 81, Mrs. Aileen Williams.

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WARREN - On March 22nd, peacefully at Westmeath Private Nursing Home near Chester, West Sussex, Douglas Edgar aged 92, charter town clerk and freeman of regent.

Return of Eros

A workman putting the final touches to the restored statue of Eros in Piccadilly Circus before it is unveiled today by Mr Ken Livingstone.



Dinners

The Council of the Order of St John in Greater Manchester gave a dinner on Saturday in St John's House, Fallowfield, to mark the 30th birthday of Lieutenant-Colonel H.E. Hoje.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Allan Davis, was the principal guest at a dinner last night in the Banqueting House, Whitehall, arranged by the Engineering Industry Training Board.

Service dinners

The 2nd Regiment Royal Artillery, Lieutenant-Colonel D.M.P. Lowe, Commanding Officer, presided at a reunion dinner of the 2nd Regiment Royal Artillery held on Saturday at the RA Mess, Woolwich.

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Right Rev Victor Pike was held on Saturday in Salisbury Cathedral. The Rev Robert Willis officiated.

Parliament this week

Today (23.30). Conclusion of Budget. Tomorrow (24.30). As Bill, third reading. Tomorrow (25.30). As Bill, third reading. Tomorrow (26.30). As Bill, third reading.

Royal Society

The following 40 new Fellows of the Royal Society, have been elected.

Professor R.H. Anderson, professor of parasitic ecology, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London.

Professor G.P. Jones, professor of electrical engineering, and head of the School of Engineering, Cambridge University.

Professor J.K. Knowlton, professor of zoology and director of the Centre for Invertebrate Science, University of Liverpool.

Professor M. J. Griffin, professor of mechanical engineering, University of Southampton.

Science report

Stripping off ears of corn to cut costs

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent. The advent of the combine harvester is generally held to have effected one of the greatest revolutions in the history of farming. But now scientists at the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering at Silsoe, Bedfordshire, believe they have developed a still more efficient method of harvesting, known as grain stripping.

GLUBB PASHA

Somerset de Chair writes. In your otherwise admirable obituary of Glubb Pasha, you dismiss in two lines the only two campaigns in the Second World War in which Glubb and the Arab Legion participated.

General Smuts recognised this as a turning point in the war, in denying the eastern flank of the Middle East to Hitler.

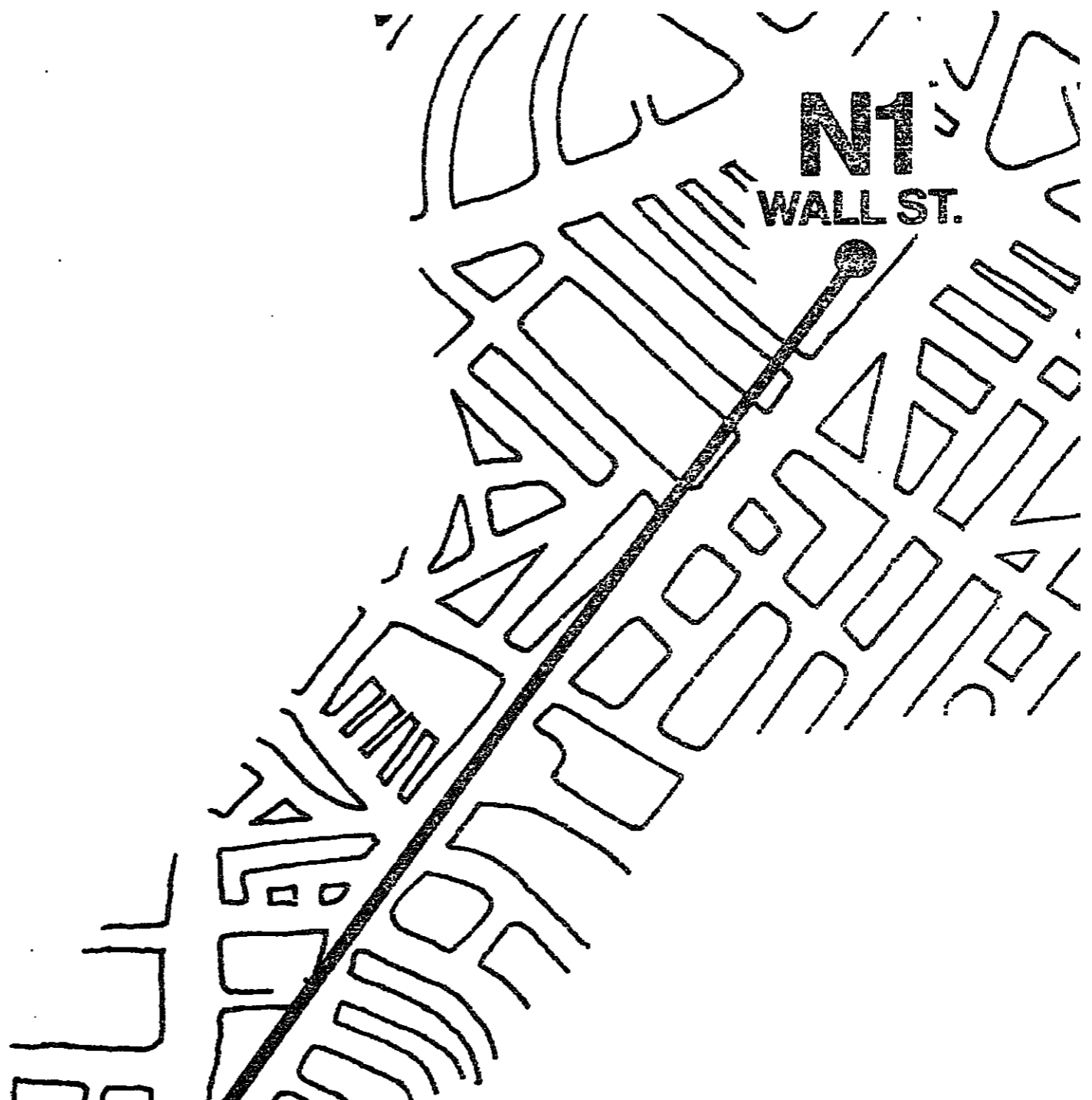
As Intelligence Officer to the British Column in these campaigns, I depended entirely on Glubb and his "giris" for information as to the whereabouts of the enemy.

MIR MORLEY PENISTAN

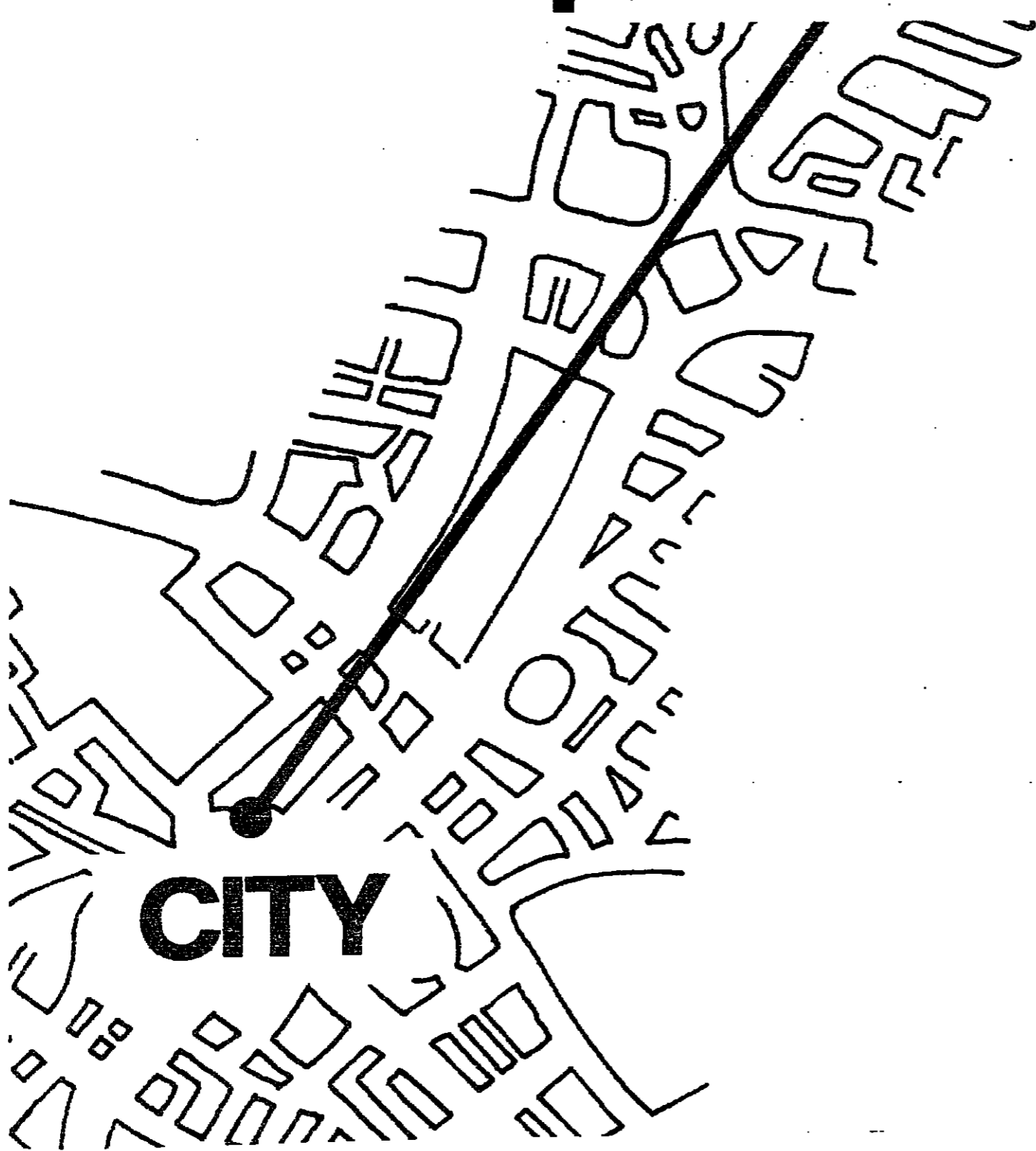
J.E.G. writes. With Morley Penistan's death forestry in Britain is deprived of one of its leading figures who took a leading part in developments involving natural regeneration and broadleaved woodland.

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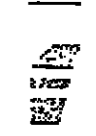
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GILT-EDGED

Chancellor outwits the City in high-stakes poker game

"Never mind the cost, feel the paper," gasped old Treasury hands, as they ran their fingers over the thick vellum of this year's Red Book...

enhances the chances of successful privatization moves later in the year. This was really a Budget about equities. And it is foolish for the City's teenage scribblers to complain at the sectarianism in the Budget's definition of bias...

man of the Federal Reserve, has emerged as the first apparent casualty. His resignation appears to enhance the power base of Mr. Paul Volcker, the chairman, who is known as a gradualist on rate cutting...

fundamentals plus the policy role for gilts in the privatization programme make the goodwill vacuum created by a coffee-table Red Book quite critical. The acerbic relationship between Square Mile analysts and the Chancellor, strained anyway in the run-up to March 18 by the series of false trails put down by Whitehall, means that City thinkers will be less inclined than ever to give the Chancellor the benefit of the doubt...

Lateral thinkers among the traders likened the Budget to a successful coup in a long poker game. They imagined him seated at the green baize, cigar in hand, flanked by some extremely hard-looking gentlemen indeed, and suddenly bursting out of policy constraints with one effortless piece of bidding...

On this basis, the Budget is almost an articulated structure, like a pop-up picture, designed to satisfy separate markets almost in isolation, rather than provide a consolidated analysis, underpinned by visible consistency.

But the Chancellor has no time, presumably, for such theoretical niceties. Gilts have a different role, apparently, in his scheme of things. They exist to lead the markets down the pushing equities ahead in the process. This in turn helps the Government to evade the constraints of the young turks by facilitating the privatization programme.

Some analysts claimed to see signs of a new order emerging last week, even as the market boomed. The EMS rumour was trundled out yet again each time the market showed signs of flagging, even though officials admit the Cabinet must be temperamentally opposed to Europe's obsession with gridshifting...

Commercial Bank of Wales announces that its Base Rate has been reduced from 12 1/2% to 11 1/2% on the 21st March 1986. Interest payable on Demand Deposit Accounts will be at the rate of 7% per annum - equivalent to a gross rate of 10% p.a. to basic rate taxpayers.

APPOINTMENTS The Securities & Investments Board: Miss Barbara Conway has been appointed a deputy director and chief information officer. Willis Faber & Dumas: Mr R J Elliott has been named as managing director.

Grattan HOME SHOPPING Substantial profit growth * Significant improvement in sales - up 21%. * Substantial profit growth - up 66% after first allocation of £300,000 to Employees Profit Share Scheme.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THURSDAY Judith Huntley

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THE MEDWAY TOWNS OFFER MOST ATTRACTIVE TO INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE BULLSEYE

Smaller firms come back into favour

March is the height of the results season on the USM and this year is proving to be especially rewarding for long-term backers of the market as the stream of good results from companies such as World of Leather and Microfilm Reprographics is providing a solid underpinning to share prices.

The company, which makes polythene bags, was floated on the main market in 1971 and taken over by Rockware in 1978 for £4.6 million. There was a management buyout for £2.9 million in 1983 and in November 1984 it was floated on the USM on a market capitalization of £7 million.

Low-density polythene is also capable of taking better quality print, enabling the company to sell bags at higher value-added margins. With the improvement in quality, Alida has won contracts to supply many of the bags used by the big retailers.

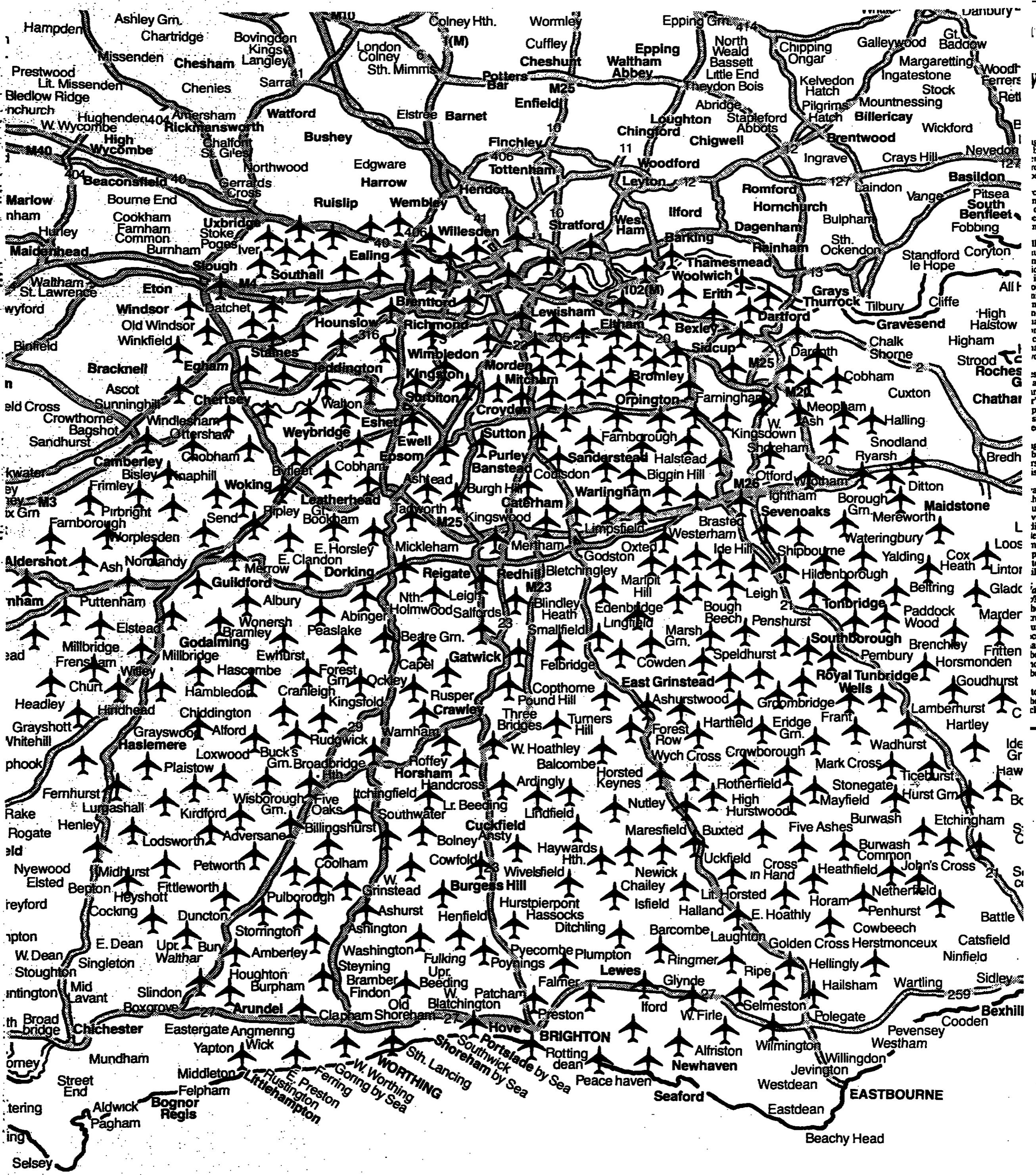
At the halfway stage, turnover was up 49 per cent and pretax profits up 43 per cent; the final results are expected to show a similar advance of turnover in the second half, with an even greater increase in pretax profits to comfortably above £2 million for the full year.

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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began March 10. Dealings End March 27. Contango Day April 21. Settlement Day, April 7. Forward Bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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HORIZONS

On the right wavelength

Nine out of 10 adults listen to the radio on average for 20 hours a week. But working in radio can cover anything from being a sound recordist to Director of Programmes. Two of the most sought after slots are those of presenter, and producer.

The BBC has its own established entrance route into radio via the BBC Trainee Scheme. Acceptance on the two year BBC production trainee scheme virtually assures a job at the end of it, but each September there are six places and more than 1,000 applicants. For the Local Radio Trainee Reporter scheme there are 12 places for 3,000 applicants.

Perhaps from the outside world the most glamorous job is that of presenter. It is hard work making presentation sound easy. A good voice is a prerequisite and a number of actors and actresses have become presenters. But it is also important to be able to write a good script and many presenters have some journalistic experience.

A producer will choose a presenter with the right kind of voice for a particular programme, for example a "sympathetic" voice for a programme on divorce and an "authoritative" voice for current affairs. To many listeners, the voice establishes not only the presenter's character, but that of the programme, and in local radio, the station.

Gill Pyrah, presenter of the Pyrah Programme on LBC, says, "It is important to have a good grounding. You must have an inquiring mind, understand the news, or your subject, and be able to express it well. On commercial radio particularly this involves doing much of your own research and preparation. You should be able to correct English on air

The skill lies in identifying a story

and make sense of ungrammatical, inaccurate cues. You have to be able to think on your feet and be able to talk your way out of anything.

For Gill Pyrah who is on air for two hours at a stretch each weekday, this means packing a lot into an eight-hour day. She needs time to research her subjects and read the papers, before making her introduction notes for each guest and outlining potential questions. An important skill is the facility of summing up speakers in advance - some will freeze up and others will attempt to bully the presenter.

Diana Goodman who has just been appointed the BBC's first woman foreign correspondent, thinks new reporting "the best job in the world" but is under no illusion as to the toll it can take on personal life. "You have to have enormous stamina, and an ability to persevere. It is fundamental that you want to talk to people and it is a skill to get people to talk into a recorder... you have to have an ear for what makes sound."

Within radio the other side of the microphone often has more prestige. Gaynor Shuttle is a producer of the

There is not yet a direct route into broadcasting. Corinne Julius examines the vital prerequisites for radio work



Gill Pyrah: An inquiring mind

Continuing Education Programmes on BBC. To her delight of being a producer is that no day is ever the same. The producer is responsible for initiating ideas, reading round the subject and talking to the relevant experts. Once an idea is decided upon, the producer selects the interviewer and interviewee. Each programme is mapped out and scripts checked with the presenter. The time in the studio spent recording and cutting tapes is relatively short.

A producer is only as good as his or her last programme.

How do you get into these jobs? The routes often overlap and people change from production to presentation and to a limited extent vice versa. At present there are 32 BBC local radio stations in England and the Channel Islands and 48 commercial contractors. A local radio station is run by small professional staff under the guidance of a manager, one of those jobs is to encourage local people to broadcast. There are opportunities for making programmes of interest to the local community on a voluntary basis, especially for those who have worked in student broadcasting or hospital radio. This experience is helpful in getting a job in local radio.

Diana Goodman, who got into local radio via education, became Network Manager and is now Deputy Editor of Current Affairs and Magazine Programmes for BBC radio. He says that producers regularly listen to local radio output to seek out new talent.

According to Julian Holland, Editor of the Today programme, local radio is where "the business can be learnt, as you have to be a Jack (or Jill) of all trades." Mistakes can be made in a confined area. There is also less competition. Journalism is a common route into radio,

although in radio journalism there is not time for tangential questions. "It is," says Julian Holland, "a more disciplined technique which can be taught or learned by experience."

Starting out as a freelance reporter is pretty daunting and journalistic training is probably an advantage. The skill lies in being able to identify a story, put it together, do the interviews and then to sell it - to the Central Office of Information, one of the commercial stations or to the BBC. This approach requires perseverance, drive, enthusiasm and confidence but everyone agreed that it is foolish not to try. Producers are very keen to spot potential, but require proof of ability and reliability.

Gill Pyrah thinks that women are currently at an advantage both in production and in presentation. The BBC, in the light of a recent report by Monica Sims for "Women in BBC Management" is likely to encourage women candidates. Women are increasingly finding jobs as producers and presenters but there are still very few in the more senior positions. Women have a further advantage in the traditional alternative route of becoming a secretary. In the BBC this is an established way to better things, particularly in production.

Michele Tidy is a typical graduate secretary hoping to make her way up. Currently a production secretary in Radio Drama, she thinks the possibility of promotion is good. But you "must do the job you are employed to do well. People will then notice you are competent and allow you to do more. You must make yourself indispensable and different."

Producers regularly seek out new talent

The attachment programme is a recognised way of gaining promotion at all levels. Candidates apply for a short-term attachment, usually on a temporary basis, in another section. This often results in a permanent post. This system is used to develop staff across the board and is a further way of finding the right contacts. Within the BBC it is unusual to progress without going on attachment to a different department but no ultimate job change is guaranteed, and this can cause resentment and job dissatisfaction. The message for those wanting to get into radio is clear. It is very competitive but production is a good appointment staff are surprisingly willing to take to an aspiring employee. The opportunity has to be made by you.

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CRICKET

Australia continue to plumb depths

Christchurch (Reuter) - New Zealand took an unbeatable 2-0 lead in their one-day series against Australia on Saturday when they beat the touring side by 53 runs. Australia must now win at Wellington and Auckland if they are to tie the series.

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Rameez to aid of Pakistan

Colombo (Reuter) - Rameez Raja made his highest Test score of 73 not out to rescue Pakistan in the third and final Test against Sri Lanka yesterday. Pakistan had slipped to 49 for three in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings of 281 on the second day when Rameez arrived to inspire a recovery to 180 for five by the close.

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ROWING

British repel invasion by Italians

The threat from the Mediterranean to the Tideway Head of the River title was thwarted on Saturday. The British heavyweight eight, with three Olympic gold medal winners on board, had a shade more than 20 seconds to spare over the talented British lightweight, with Campania, the Italians, who had won their Olympic rowing title in third place almost half a second behind the runners-up.

There were notable surprises among the top 10. The lightweight second crew, Reading fourth place, Nottinghamshire County youth and Stirling, the Scottish Commonwealth Games aspirants, ninth.

RACING: HIGHLY-TRIED COLT SHOULD GAIN OVERDUE WIN AND MAINTAIN EXCELLENT FORM OF RYAN AND RAMSDEN

Bright As Night should lead off fine day for Newmarket

By Mandarin

Bright As Night, who ran well against the cream of last year's two-year-olds, can continue the excellent form of Mick Ryan, the Newmarket trainer, by gaining his first success in the Burton Overy Stakes at Leicester this afternoon.

Like Ryan's recent big-race winners Motivator and Mac's Reef, Bright As Night belongs to a flamboyant character, but this afternoon he should be making a killing this afternoon as his promising three-year-old will start at short odds to beat three seemingly inferior opponents.

Robis looks totally out of his depth, but there may be little between the other two runners, Lance and Fleet Form, with marginal preference given to the former.

Newmarket trainers should also take the other three-year-old races with Hubbards Lodge (Paul Kelleway) in the Simon de Montfort Maiden Stakes and Volida (Clive EBF Stakes).

Like Bright as Night, Volida raced against some of the best of her generation last year, finishing fourth to Kingscote in the Lower Stakes, fifth to Green Desert in the Flying Childers and ninth to Embla in the Cheveley Park, with good winners behind.

Today's meeting at Hexham has been abandoned because the course is waterlogged. A total of 115 meetings have been lost to the weather

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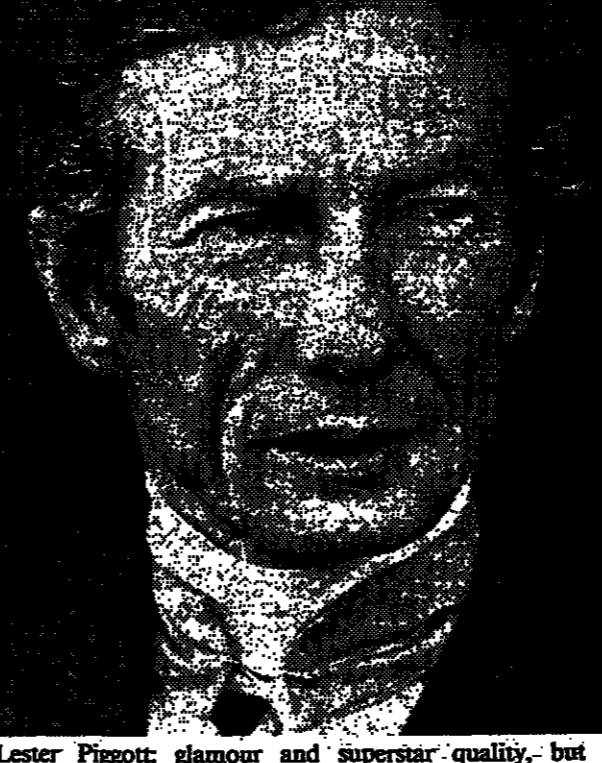
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Lester Piggott: glamour and superstar quality, but a weakness for the truth.

Folkstone is one of the most grateful, impressionable courses in England. I was in Hong Kong for the opening of the multi-million pound Sha-tin racetrack, and...

POINT-TO-POINT

Greenall treble is so close to five-timer

Greenall the most satisfaction as his £4,500 purchase jumped over the hurdles at the Ballyvaughan Point-to-Point on Saturday, the first of three (£2,500) to a per-capita basis. This is one interesting facet with an excuse for implementing this retrograde change in policy, being held on the old Stuckson course, later renamed Turf Park, where cars can be seen in nearby side streets.

There are arguments for and against such a venue being used. It is financially rewarding, but in the long run it is a loss. Nonetheless, Nigel Tutty enjoyed himself with a first ever treble on Whiggle Gate, Mahogany Hill and Bally Way.

Saturday's results

BANOR: 1.20.1, Barry Sheehy (47) beat 2. Maifé Grl (53-10), 2.24.3, 3.20.3, 4.26.3, 5.22.3. NEWBURY: 1.20.1, Robert Taylor (28) beat 2. Small Noddy (40), 3.20.3, 4.26.3, 5.22.3.

K-Battery charges home for Eelsey

K-Battery broke a 13-year-old losing sequence for northern-trained runners to win the first big handicap of the Flat season, the William Hill Lincoln, at Doncaster on Saturday. The five-year-old scorched home at odds of 25-1 for Bill Eelsey, the Malton trainer, who won the race in 1971 with another runner in Double Cream.

Once again a low draw proved decisive as Well Ridden, the hot favourite, who was drawn open, saw the pace from the start. John Lowe produced K-Battery - who started from stall 12 - inside the final furlongs, and stayed on to finish second, with Fustler in third place. Another of the fancied runners, Go Bananas, was withdrawn after he refused to go into the stalls.

Eelsey, whose father Charles, trained Bato to win the Lincoln in successive years in the 1950s, said: "I've been planning since December for K-Battery to go for the Lincoln. I've kept him on the go since last season and he's been working with my jumps."

My Dominion, who originally cost £300, gines took his winning tally for the season to seven when landing the Tote Credit Hurdle at Newbury by two and a half lengths from Wastwater Warbler, the winner took the prize last year with Quickstep.

After My Dominion had won five races he was bought by Terry Ramsden and he may now join the other winners in the Doncaster. Bruno, in the line-up for the Glenlivet Hurdle at Liverpool in two weeks. After that My Dominion may run on the Flat.

Princess Anne suffered the catastrophic fall in the 1985 season, but under the conditions of the race she was not entitled to the claim, because she is aged over 25.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

LEICESTER: THAMES: G Lewis, 15 wins from 82 runs, 11.2% R Spring, 13 wins from 89 runs, 14.7% R Hanson, 6 wins from 118 runs, 5.1%. FOLKESTONE: JOCKEY: P Whelan, 40 wins from 61 rides, 18.4% S Whitmore, 7 wins from 80 rides, 11.7%.

FOLKESTONE

Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes 3.15 ALDINGHAM HANDICAP (£1,223: 50) (18).

FOLKESTONE

Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes 3.45 ROCHSTER STAKES (£884: 86) (18).

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Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes 4.15 SHORNCLIFFE STAKES (3-y-c) £284: 1m (4) (9).

LEICESTER

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Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes 3.15 KINGFISHER HANDICAP (£2,470: 1m 40) (20).

LEICESTER

Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes 4.15 SIMON DE MONTFORT MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-c) £1,108: 1m 20 (12).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table with 2 columns: Race, Horses. Includes FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY, SOUTH EASTERN, FOOTBALL.

RUGBY UNION

Table with 2 columns: Match, Score. Includes Schools, County vs Doncaster.

OTHER SPORT

Table with 2 columns: Event, Date. Includes GOLF, TENNIS, RUGBY UNION.

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Militating Soviet

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

BBC 1

00 Ceefax All... 05 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood... 12.30 News After Noon with Francis Coverdale and David Davies...

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Helen Owen... 11.30 About Britain... 12.00 Tickle on the Tum...

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Maths - Classifying Cubics... 12.55 Conflict and Change in Education... 3.10 Film: Vaselec Lady...

CHANNEL 4

2.35 Winston Churchill - The Valiant Years Part 19 of the series tracing the history of the Second World War... 5.30 Countdown... 6.30 Every Window Tells a Story...

CHOICE

including a Scottish vet's researches into leukaemia in cats... 6.30 Today including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News... 10.15 A Book at Bedtime...

Peter Waymark

7.45 Science Now with Peter Evans... 8.15 The Sunday Play: Mr Alfred MA, by George Friel... 10.15 A Book at Bedtime...

Radio 4

5.55 am Shipping, 6.00 News: Weather, 6.10 Farming... 8.30 Today including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News... 10.15 A Book at Bedtime...

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News... 7.05 Morning Concert, Handel... 8.05 Morning Concert, cont. Granados...

11.45 The Lines against such modern incursions as Peru's busiest road, the Pan American Highway... 12.15 Orchestras of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies...

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30... 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert... 2.00 Music Weekly...

Radio 1

News on the hour from 5.30am until 9.30pm and at 12.00 midnight... 6.00 Andy Peebles, 7.30 Mike Read, 8.30 Simon Bates...

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 News: 7.00 News: 7.20 Twenty-four Hours: 7.30 News: 8.00 News: 8.30 News: 9.00 News...

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET... COLLEGIUM 6.30 3.15... 7.30 8.00... 8.30 9.00... 9.30 10.00...

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A lulled England caught in storm

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Bridgetown

In an agony of anti-climax England's first innings fell to pieces here yesterday after they had started play with what seemed a fair chance of at least drawing the third Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless. From an overnight 110 for one - they had had much their best day of the tour on Saturday - England slumped to 189 all out and by 2.20 they were following on 229 runs behind.

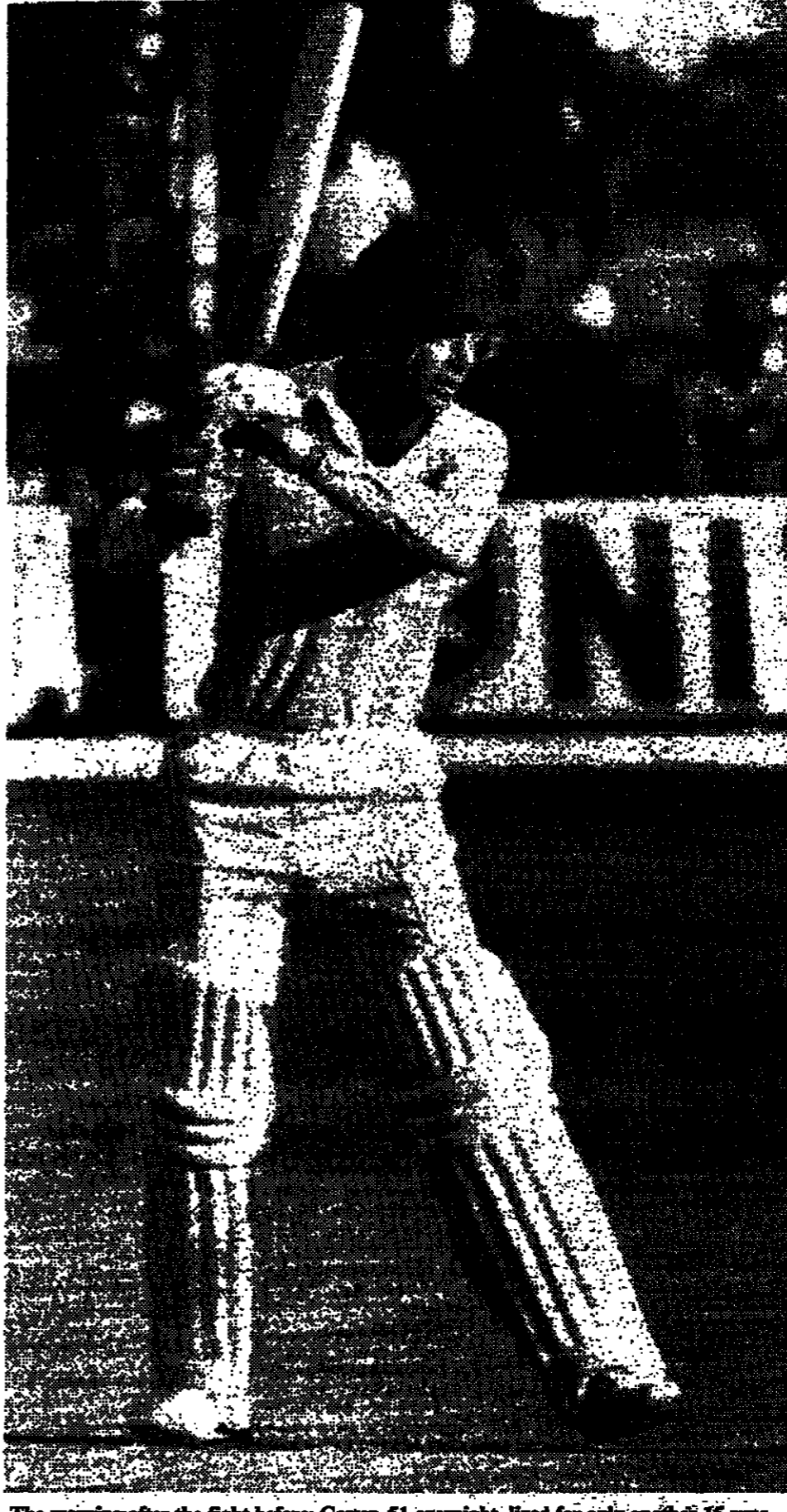
But yesterday morning they never looked like doing so. It had become, for two main reasons, a different game: Richards had jockeyed call a "reminder" and Garner and Marshall made the ball lift and swing and seam as they had shown no signs of doing on the previous evening. Although Gower played a nice stroke or two, including a hook for four off Marshall, Gooch was regularly beaten by Garner.

that it was 90 minutes before Richards broke them up. Although Garner had taken only one wicket in his eight overs, while Marshall was taking three, he had played an equal part in dashing England's hopes. And when Holding replaced him he at once hit Botham a crushing blow in the ribs.

International Gulf tournament

Sharjah (Reuters) - The success and popularity of cricket in the Emirate of Sharjah is underlined by the decision to stage the first Australasia Cup here next month. Sheikh Faisal bin Khalid al-Qasbi, chairman of the Cricket Benefit Fund, said recently that Australia, India, Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka would compete for \$110,000 (£75,430) in prize money in a series of five one-day matches starting on April 10.

The Australasia event will open with New Zealand meeting the last of three teams - India, Pakistan, or Sri Lanka - due to compete with Bangladesh in the Asia Cup series in Sri Lanka from March 30 to April 6. Australia will play the second best of the three on April 11, with the semi-finals on the 13th and 15th and the final on the 18th.



The morning after the fight before: Gower, 51 overnight, lived for only another 15 runs

Venables may be Arsenal bound

By David Miller Arsenal are optimistic that if Terry Venables decides to return to England from Barcelona for a first division club - which is by no means certain yet - that he will prefer Highbury to White Hart Lane. Because of the domestic stress placed upon his family by two years' separation while he has brought Barcelona to the forefront of European football, Venables might decide to take a rest from the game. This was apparent from his attitude following last week's European Cup triumph over Juventus.

Navratilova assured of world championship

New York (AP) - Hana Mandlikova, the reigning United States Open champion, defeated the second seed, Chris Lloyd, 6-3, 7-5 to join the top seed, Martina Navratilova, in yesterday's five-set final of the Virginia Slims championship finals at Madison Square Garden. Miss Navratilova crushed the West German, Steffi Graf, 6-2, 6-2 in only 53 minutes.

Oxford pull together to earn win

The women's boat race has been rowed since the 1920s, but in those days they used to get marked for style as well. There were no marks going for artistic impression yesterday when Oxford beat Cambridge by half a length in a cracker-jack race.

Budd leads women to victory

British athletics looked to the women for success for a change yesterday and were eventually rewarded in both the individual and team events. Zola Budd slipped and slid to an expected victory in the world championships. And, after another couple of slips, England scored a largely unexpected victory in the team race.

Piquet's effort a true tonic

Nelson Piquet and the Canon Williams team gave the best possible tonic to the injured Frank Williams yesterday by scoring a decisive victory in the Brazilian Grand Prix at Rio de Janeiro. Before the race all the other team chiefs posed on the startline for the TV cameras behind a large board carrying the message: "Don't worry Frank, we're minding the store!"

PHONE A LOAN advertisement for home owners and mortgage payers, offering loans up to £50,000 with various terms and conditions.

Storming Bennett advertisement for a woman's hair salon, featuring a portrait of a woman and text about hair services.

Storming Bennett

Harare (Reuters) - Britain's Stephen Bennett braved thunder and lightning to score the second victory of his career in the Zimbabwe Open golf championship yesterday. Bennett, aged 26, shot 69 for an 11-under-par total of 277 to win by two strokes from the overnight leader, Stuart Reese, of New Zealand, who finished with an even par 72.

Kidd quits

Brian Kidd, the manager of Preston North End, anchored at the bottom of the fourth division, resigned on Saturday, blaming his departure on an inability to develop a satisfactory working relationship with the Preston board.

Dyke buster

Brussels (AP) - Sweden's Mats Wilander, the No. 1 seed, needed just over an hour yesterday to overcome the giant-killer of earlier rounds, Broderick Dyke, of Australia, and capture the Belgian indoor championship.

Ineligible

Harare (Reuters) - Kevin Curran, the Gloucestershire county cricketer, has lost his eligibility to play for Zimbabwe. Born in the farming area of Rusape in eastern Zimbabwe, he failed to renounce his claim to Irish citizenship by a deadline of December 2 last year.

Thorburn's 118 first century of tournament

Cliff Thorburn, Canada's captain in the Car-Care Plan world team championship at Bournemouth, made the first century break of the tournament in the 17-frame final against Ireland, the holders, yesterday. (Sydney Friskin writes.) His 118 was answered to the 87 made by Dennis Taylor in the first frame.